

English Heritage faces dilemma on St John's Lodge

ENGLISH Heritage faces a crucial decision next week over whether to approve listed building consent for the controversial conversion plans for St John's Lodge, Regent's Park.

The commissioners find themselves in a situation where they must either fall out with their own advisers, or risk losing the country a £100 million-plus art collection.

If they reject the scheme for turning the building into a private art gallery, American businessman Frederick Koch has said he will take his collection of Victorianiana elsewhere.

But to approve it they would have to override their own London Advisory Committee, which last week voted overwhelmingly to reject the scheme, which was drawn up by American architect Charles Young with Michael Manser.

Conservationist Jennifer Freeman, one of the committee

members who threw out the Young-Manser proposals, said Koch had not helped his case by his choice of architects, and may have had less opposition if he had chosen an architect with a better conservation record.

The committee backed a motion saying there were "still

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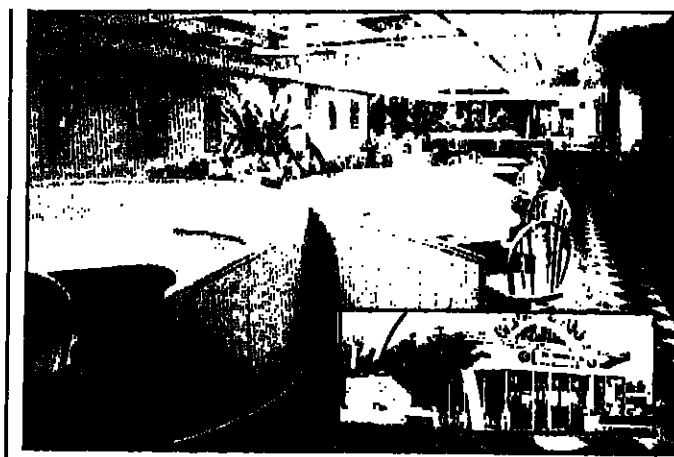
strong architectural and art historical objections" to the revised conversion plans, which involve moving a staircase and losing some of the Victorian decoration of the Regency lodge.

But the final decision will now rest with the commissioners, who include Simon Jenkins (one of only two LAC members to back the scheme), LAC chairman Robert Vigers (who abstained from last week's vote), architect Jeremy Benson (a strong conservationist and a friend and neighbour of Man-

ser's), architect-royal the Duke of Gloucester, and chairman Lord Montagu.

It is understood that the building owners, the Crown Commissioners, have been discreetly lobbying English Heritage to get support.

It would be unusual for English Heritage to ignore the advice of its committee, but an English Heritage spokeswoman said St John's Lodge could be one of the exceptions. She admitted that "the future role of the London Advisory Committee will be thrown into some doubt" if this happened.



McDonald's feeds trust

The Civic Trust is set to get a dramatic new platform for its environmental messages — the 202 McDonald's restaurants in Britain.

The hamburger company's agreement to sponsor the next two years of Civic Trust awards will also create the spin-offs of special McDonald's competitions and other events aimed at promoting environmental concern.

"We have always shown concern for the environment among our social and cultural interests," McDonald's UK chief executive Paul Preston told *BD* at the official launch of the sponsor scheme last week. "There are a few misconceptions about our company that need allaying — for example, 50 of our restaurants are in conservation areas, and eight of them are actually in listed buildings." He said litter was not a problem caused by his restaurants, but by people. He would not reveal how much the company was giving the Civic Trust, but said it was "substantial".

The launch took place in the newly refurbished McDonald's flagship restaurant in The Strand in London. Consultant architects Ansell & Bailey worked on the £1.2 million scheme with in-house designers. The new style will be extended to other outlets. Inset is the first McDonald's, opened in 1953 in Plains, Illinois.

Town hall listing hits rivals in Wimbledon

THE listing of Wimbledon Town Hall has thrown its rivals looking to develop its town centre into confusion.

The hall has been Grade II listed, but the exact text has yet to be released.

A spokesman for Greyson which has been seeking a public inquiry into the scheme, said: "The hall has been Grade II listed, but the exact text has yet to be released."

But a spokesman for the hawk thought the move was make no difference to its scheme C, which preserves the hall although without the full text could not be sure.

He added that the company had been surprised by the move because it had been assumed the DoE was recently as far as it would not be listed.

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Merger creates a design giant

BIG business merger mania reached the design world this week with news that Stewart McColl Associates and Covell Matthews Wheatley Architects are to join forces.

McColl Wheatley, as the new company will be called, believes it will be "probably the largest design group in the world", with a combined turnover of more than £15 million, trading profits in excess of £2 million and a total staff of more than 450.

Though BDP and American practices such as SOM have much larger staff and turnover figures, they are not pure design firms.

Final details of the deal are still to be settled, but McColl Wheatley will act as the holding company above McColl, CMW, and an earlier acquisition, architects Geoffrey Reid Associates. The majority shareholding will be with Stewart McColl, but all three firms will continue under their own names.



Stewart McColl (left) and John Wheatley — partners.

McColl said the merger was "not something happening overnight" but had come out of the "chemistry" established between the various partners.

"The benefit to clients is both in the integrated quality of design and range of services and for the straight commercial reason that our fees should be lower through benefits of scale."

McColl Wheatley is by no means the end of the practices' growth — plans are advanced for a full Stock Market flotation of the group, which is expected to capitalise McColl Wheatley at a minimum of £140 million.

RIBA condemns privatisation

TAKEOVER TEAMS VIE FOR NHS 'PRACTICE'

FOUR firms of architects are bidding to take over a health authority architects' group, following a management decision to privatise building and design services.

Offers to move in on the staff and contracts of the North West Thames Regional Health Authority have come from MWT Architects, GTD Partnership, Day & England and First Architecture.

The privatisation concept is being opposed by the RIBA. They were reluctant to talk about their plans, but MWT

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commented "taking over part of the health authority's operation would fit right in with our expansion plans".

The practice recently purchased BTP Architects in Bristol, and also has offices in seven other towns.

A base in London is an obvious next move, and the health authority department has a ready-made staff of up to 82.

The authority's plans, revealed last month, have given staff three options — regroup into smaller multi-disciplinary teams, redundancies and work put out to private practices, or assistance from the authority for

the staff to "go private". The authority's estates director, Roger Johnson, who drew up the options after studying the department with management consultants Arthur Andersen, is keen on the staff going private.

He is understood to be prepared to guarantee some contracts in order to encourage practices to take over the workload.

This would get around the main stumbling block of a practice being prepared to incur the high liability insurance premiums associated with health service work.

The enthusiasm of the department for this form of privatisation is shown by one firm at least claiming it was directly solicited for an offer.

Concrete takeover proposals are being prepared for submission to a health authority board meeting in July.

Meanwhile the RIBA has slammed North West Thames Regional Health Authority for its privatisation plans.

Institute secretary Patrick Harrison urged the authority to retain its team of in-house architects.

"It is the institute's view that for complex programmes of work of the kind undertaken by the NHS, collaboration between in-house teams and outside consultants constitutes the most efficient use of the available professional resource", he said.

"The contributions of in-house teams and consultants are complementary and interdependent, not alternatives."

Hammersmith scheme blocked

THE Hammersmith Broadway redevelopment has been blocked by the council designating part of the site a conservation area.

The new Labour administration criticised the former Tory council for "rushing through the developer's final planning application at the 11th hour" in April, adding that listed building consent would be required from the council before any building in the area could be demolished.

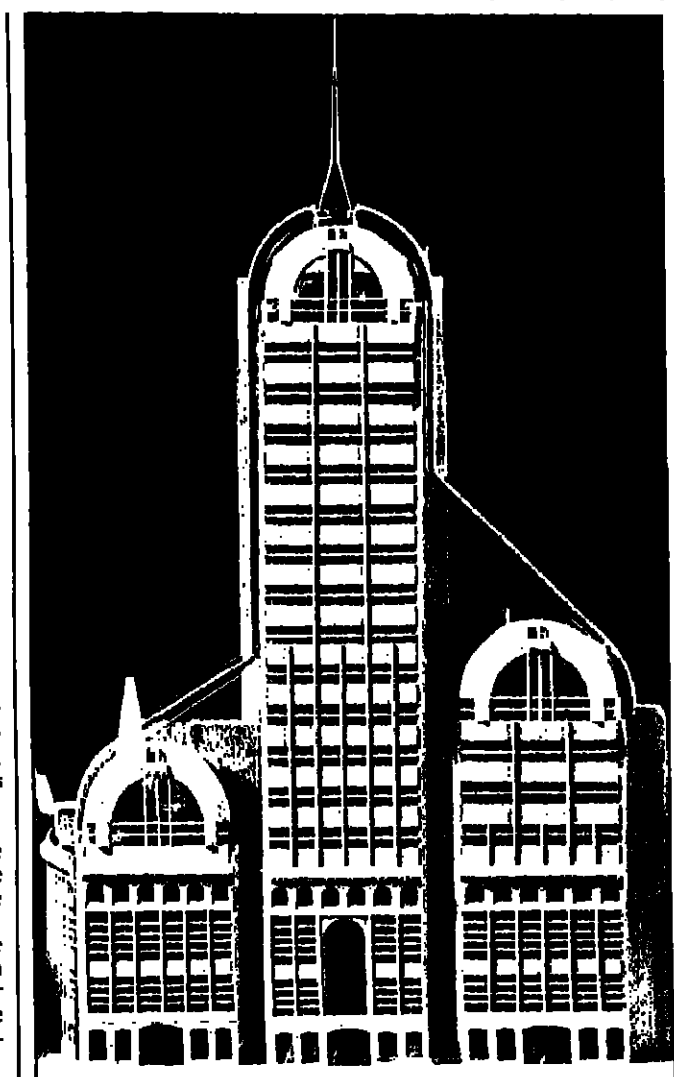
Ironically, developer Bredero Properties does have permission to demolish the only listed

building on the site, Thomas Archer's Bradmore House facade.

Bredero and London Regional Transport said they would apply for consent and appeal to the environment secretary if necessary.

They remain confident that consent can be obtained and that the development will start as planned next year.

During the election campaign Labour backed Terry Farrell's "incremental" alternative scheme, which retains most of the buildings on the site.



GMW take a novel line for Barclays hq

Here is a first look at the GMW scheme for a new Barclays Bank headquarters in the City of London, soon to be submitted for planning permission.

The £60 million, 45,000sq m building would be put on the site of the existing headquarters in Lombard Street. GMW's approach to the scheme appears to demonstrate the continued softening of the practice's once fiercely Modernist approach, like that of other fallen Modernist Philip Johnson and his AT & T building. GMW have gone over to Neoclassical grandeur at ground level and some entertaining features on the skyline, where amenity space is provided.

Barclays have been on the site since 1728, and their present building was built in the 1950s to a 1930s design, and then added to in the 1960s and

Spitalfields plan fails to impress

ARCHITECTS for the Spitalfields site — Fitzroy Robinson — have been told by Tower Hamlets council that they should bring in other architects who are more community based.

Planners have given Fitzroy Robinson a list of around 10 practices they would like to see brought in on the development.

Councillors said they were looking for buildings of "outstanding architectural merit", with a height limit of 35m.

Fitzroy Robinson's scheme for London & Edinburgh Trust has not impressed planners, who say there are a "lot of grey areas".

Tower Hamlets has been in discussion with the Royal Fine Art Commission and will be meeting conservation groups next week.

Meanwhile, the nearby controversial proposal for a 60-storey tower designed by Ian Ritchie is being "shunned down", according to planners.

Laing wins

LAING Homes has won the contract to redevelop the defunct-tenanted Portico House in Portsmouth. Barratt had been selected last November, but after an outcry over the terms of the deal, the Government ordered the council to invite new offers for the work.

27th knight

ANDREW Derbyshire has become the 27th architectural knight. Story page 4

Dublin stalls dual carriageway plans

DUBLIN City Corporation this week reacted to mounting criticism of its continuing modernisation of the city centre by deferring a controversial road scheme.

The 20-year-old plan to put a dual carriageway past St Patrick's Cathedral has just received the Irish environment minister's approval for compulsory purchase orders for the 1km strip of road. But councillors have now decided the £1.2 million scheme needs further consideration, and are likely to consider it as part of a major review of the city plan due out next year.

Conservationists were outraged at the Government's acceptance of the case for the 1960s road improvement plan. Their concern made councillors feel it was time for an environmental impact assessment. But the corporation spokesman added that "it is a fact that a jogger would cause more damage to the cathedral than this road. It is actually further away from the cathedral than the

existing road."

The corporation has also been under attack from leading American post-modernist Michael Graves who recently visited the city.

He said Dublin looked like it had been through World War Three.

He even turned on the corporation's own offices, the new Civic Offices at Wood Quay, designed by Sam Stephenson. He described the buildings as "bunkers", and said the City Hall had no more character than a speculative office block. He said if the corporation was to organise a competition for the second stage of the civic centre, he would consider entering it.

But the corporation and Stephenson responded by saying that Graves was guilty of doing the kind of speculative work he criticised.

Castle repair

SHREWSBURY council has put out a request for second-hand red sandstone blocks to repair a gaping hole in one wall of the town's 11th century castle. A repair programme costing £200,000 has been given to councillors.

Foster job

FOSTER Associates have appointed BBC Radio executive Richard Wade as a director in charge of communications and administration. He will take up his post next month.

AA council

ROGER Zogolovitch, Michael Foster and Peter Rich have been voted onto this year's council at the Architectural Association.

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ABC

THIS year's Herman Miller celebrity lectures at the RIBA were limited to two: Dr David Owen and the SDP and Donald Treford, editor of the *Observer*, speaking on "Corridors of power, an environmental perspective".

The consecutive evenings provided a nice series of contrasts — for the politician the hall was crowded, for the journalist it was far from full, though they both attracted a number of their peers — that is, other politicians and journalists.

Owen disclaimed the title but stuck to the subject, Treford did neither; Owen voiced unpredictable and pertinent views about current issues, Treford had predictable views about architects' failings in the 60s which some of his audience thought impertinent; they both plugged their own interests, namely SDP policy and proportional representation, and the *Observer* and the craft of journalism.

Owen's approach mixed realpolitik, boyish charm, the kind of calculated indiscretion which flatters an audience ("I'm never quite sure what SDP policy is" and arrogance ("but since I'm the only reliable authority..."). The lack of humbug was effective. Speaking about the Okehampton bypass decision to carve a slice off a national park, he said: "About Dartmoor I'm absolutist. I don't want to be



Donald Treford — Span fan.

muddled by factual argument." He was against Palumbo and for Canary Wharf for the same kind of "gut" reasons. About the latter: "The Big Bang is a reality; there will be a need for that kind of space. That scale of development happens on the US west coast, it will create jobs; the architects have bought off Greenwich by moving the towers a bit; it will upset a few City property owners..." For those reasons he wished it luck. Above all he supports it because "once in a while it will do good to get off our arses and do something".

But then he disarmed criticism by admitting to some shame for views he could not support on respectable planning grounds. The fact is, he said, that anyone with big ideas and any intelligence has to find ways of getting round planning procedures, as with development

David Pearce reports on David Owen and Donald Treford, Herman Miller's 1986 guest lecturers at the RIBA.

Contrasting perspectives

corporations and the Channel Tunnel, which is being pushed through Parliament. Not only is it essential to avoid "bloody awful two-year planning inquiries", but the legislation has to be changed to prevent them.

There was a great deal more of Owen's pragmatism; he doesn't approve of all the LDDC's works but "anything is better than the position before it was created". It extends to political opponents. Yes, Michael Heseltine does care passionately about the environment. Yes, Kenneth Baker is clever and he does regret his short stay at DoE, but since there are three Owen school-age children he is glad that there is a change at education. And as for Nick Ridley's appointment, "that is like putting a fox in charge of a chicken run". But even then he added that ministers often

improve in office. All these opinions were more diverting than the serious points about Britain's inability to tackle urban decay being a symptom of national economic decline. "We are now the world's 19th industrial nation". Although we have cleaner rivers and historic buildings, few would claim that the environment as a whole is an improvement on what it was 30 years ago. He spoke of 5 million homes, a quarter of the stock, needing repairs. But his recipe of removing the deadening mesh of Labour's bureaucratic controls and the Tories' uncaring capitalism, namely to amalgamate them both in "public/private initiatives" which could plan long-term (because proportional representation would prevent disruptive power handovers), all this seemed a bit thin.

THE National Trust will in future place more emphasis on vernacular buildings and landscape, and less on grand country houses, says its new chairman, Dame Jennifer Jenkins.

"We need to survey all the vernacular buildings we own, assess how important they are, how valuable, and in what state of repair."

She hopes to get a "Little Houses" scheme started in Wales, along the lines of the National Trust for Scotland's scheme which rescued groups of vernacular buildings in Culross, Pittenweem and elsewhere; and she sees the trust making limited purchases of key landscapes from the "surplus lands" the Forestry Commission and water authorities have been ordered to sell.

As chairman of the Historic Buildings Council for England and then of English Heritage's equivalent committee, she showed herself a strong and resourceful champion of the

In last week's issue, Richard Griffith of the Historic Buildings & Monuments Commission gave his views on protecting historic buildings. Here Tony Aldous reports on a new direction for the National Trust as seen by its new chairman, Dame Jennifer Jenkins.

Small is beautiful

vernacular and of composite streetscape. The saving of Chesterfield's market place and Georgian terraces in Liverpool were just two such exercises she pioneered.

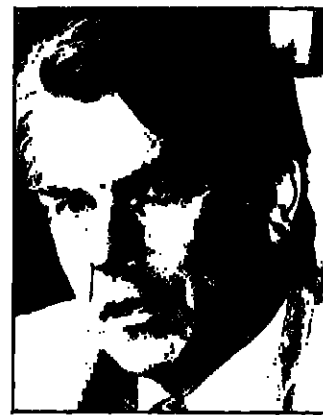
But the National Trust's change of strategic emphasis from stately homes to humbler

buildings and townscape reflects more than the new chairman's long-standing conviction that vernacular buildings have been undervalued and need all the help she can give them. It equally results from the compelling logic of the trust's own commitments and capability.

It has for some years accepted great houses only when their upkeep could be assured by endowments, including revenue-producing estates. The acquisition of the great Palladian Derbyshire mansion Kedleston (only made possible by a £13.5 million cash injection from the National Heritage Memorial Fund) obscures the fact that such additions to the trust's holdings are becoming fewer and fewer.

The Scottish National Trust's "Little Houses" scheme operated as a revolving fund: buying, restoring, recreating confidence and credibility in an area, and then selling. A National Trust scheme, Dame Jennifer believes, is an appropriate mechanism in Wales, where the building preservation trust movement has not developed very far. In England, established local trusts, or her own safety net British Historic Buildings Trust, are equipped to tackle the problem using a similar approach.

As for vernacular buildings in National Trust ownership, she makes it plain that they will need to earn their keep. Some of them the trust can lease out; others, she says, may possibly be restored and put to use under joint schemes with English Heritage and local authorities. The trust already encourages its tenant farmers to convert dis-



David Owen — pragmatic.

Owen's strength seems to be in one-liners, viz the construction industry is not only useless at lobbying, it is masochistic. Companies like Costain and McAlpine shovel money at the Tory Party, only to be kicked in the crotch. The powers in the land are the BMA, the farmers (even under Labour) and the NUM — "until Scargill destroyed it".

After a skilled politician's massaging of an audience, Treford's attempts to achieve some identity between journalists and architects by pointing out that they share the same low rungs on the ladder of public esteem seemed wishy-washy stuff. Proclaiming his ignorance of architecture, he seems to have got a briefing paper from his architectural correspondent to enable him to chuck just enough names around to prove that the

Observer really does care.

What he must care about: "the unprecedented collapse in confidence in new architecture which Ian Nairn had highlighted in the *Observer* in 1966, attacking 'addled people producing addled buildings'". He also quoted Tom Wolfe in describing what he called the post-war role reversal wherein clients are browbeaten by architects into commissioning "those great hulking structures they hate so thoroughly". What Treford particularly hints is overvalued buildings like the Euston Centre which destroy the city's scale, as well as the vast public housing estates.

He likes things small and varied. He thinks design can be good, popular and make money. Contrn, Laura Ashley, Italian lumps and cars, Pininfarina and Eric Lyons' spy housing.

He took precisely opposite positions to Owen on Palumbo and on Canary Wharf, "but then, I know David very well, he likes to shock people by coming out with 'Tory views'".

Treford reassured his audience that the public's interest in matters architectural was growing, though the battle of it styles is for the professional. What news editors really go for is "a good planning row". Aie which was a bit removed for his finale, a quotation for Cussals at 90 to the effect the one's work should be "a salute to life".

used farm buildings into self-catering and bed-and-breakfast accommodation; it is likely to show increasing enthusiasm for such "recycling".

And is the trust now in the market to buy whole villages? Laycock or Styal? Not at present, says Dame Jennifer with a wry smile. "We have to look after what we have".

Looking after its own great houses — it has some 85 large country houses open to the public — is part of that task.

Landscape and the coastline as well as vernacular buildings are likely to be higher priorities for the immediate future. "I would like to see the trust going ahead as fast as possible with protection of the coast, before we get more second homes and unsightly developments". But she is emphatically not anti-tourism or anti-local development.

"But we mustn't think in terms of either tourism or protecting the coast. They're not alternatives. We can, and must, have provision for tourists in well-sited developments — for instance, a car park or a caravan park kept back from the coast, and well shielded. Two odd bungalows can ruin a stretch of coast or a headland."

The prospect of large-scale disposals of surplus water authority and Forestry Commission land is posing quite a challenge to the trust.

It lacks the resources to buy more than a fraction of what is offered, but is discussing with the commission possible acquisition of land bordering its own properties or where surrounding landscapes could be adversely affected.

As to water authority land, it is looking carefully at what is involved and which land is protected, say, by national park controls. She personally will give high priority to protecting open upland valleys from development or afforestation.

The trust itself is already taking a more entrepreneurial attitude as a provider of attractions.

It is seeking to extend network of shops in historic towns — Newcastle and Oxford are places where it is looking at suitable properties — and expand and update the lines it offers in its shops and mail order. Dame Jennifer particularly keeps that she should sell not only golden houses but general guides similar attractions in an area.

Docklands scheme has to be expanded

THE transformation of London Docklands is taking place so fast it is tripping up on itself. This week Tarmac Brookglade unveiled a redesigned scheme for its Heron Quays development in the Isle of Dogs, which although already partly built is to be dramatically expanded from 54,000sq m to 135,000sq m.

Architects Nicholas Lacey, Jobst & Hyett have radically redesigned their earlier £75 million scheme, a quarter of which is already up, in what is clearly a knock-on effect from the plans for the neighbouring Canary Wharf.

The mixed development of offices, apartments and "amenity buildings", including a Docklands Light Railway station, will be increased from seven to 10 stories, and will step out even further over the surrounding dock to create a "Venice-like setting" for the 6,000 people who will live and work in the development when completed, sometime before 1992.

Royal Mint dig starts

WORK started this week on the £120 million development of the Royal Mint site close to the Tower of London, with the excavation of the remains of a 14th century Cistercian Abbey. The administrators of the land, the Crown Estate Commissioners, have given £200,000 towards the cost of the work by archaeologists from the Museum of London.

It is hoped the dig, scheduled to last until next January, will unearth enough of the abbey for it to become the centrepiece of the museum planned for the heart of the scheme.

Michael Manser

IN our story on St John's Lodge in Regent's Park last week we included a quote criticising Michael Manser's record on conservation. This was not intended to suggest that he has not carried out good work of this type, and in fact he has won a Heritage Year award for conservation. Our apologies for any embarrassment caused.

More reality needed in schools — Prince

TOO few architecture schools are incorporating real schemes as part of their courses, says Prince Charles. Speaking at last Friday's Times/RIBA Community Enterprise Scheme awards, of which he is patron, the Prince outlined four particular areas that could bring about the revival of urban areas.

These involve partnerships between different interests, from professionals to local authorities, landowners, and financial institutions.

More community involvement in decisions would bring confidence and hope and the mistakes of the 1950 and 60s caused by centralised decisions could be avoided.

The Prince highlighted the Hull school, which he visited recently, for its active programme of local involvement and live projects. Other schools should follow their example, he said.

With around 40,000ha of land in the London area registered with the Department of the Environment as surplus to requirements, the Prince saw great potential for new developments, both in the commercial and housing sector. We must "cut great

Government tones down changes to use classes

THE most radical elements of last year's proposals to change the Use Class Orders have been dropped in the Government's consultation paper published this week.

Original suggestions from the Property Advisory Group were attacked by the Royal Town Planning Institute for putting developers' interests before those of the public.

The Government rejects the PAG's proposal to allow businesses with up to five workers to operate from dwellings without planning permission. It says existing arrangements will apply.

It has also dropped the category of general shops, which would have grouped hot-food vendors, banks, building societies and estate agencies with shops.

Instead it suggests three categories covering hot-food shops and restaurants, general shops and services such as post offices and travel agencies, and financial and professional services.

The proposal to classify churches with leisure facilities such as theatres and discotheques has been altered, putting them instead with institutions such as museums and public halls.

The PAG's category covering institutions with more than 10 residents has been split in two, separating hotels and boarding houses from hospitals and residential schools and colleges.

Also rejected are three new classes covering the use of land for retail sales, light industry and general industry.

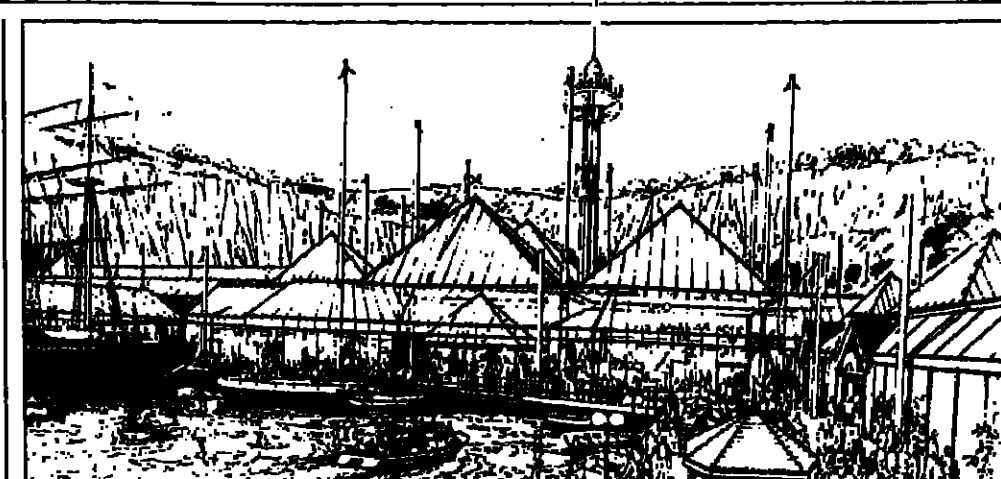
These should be accommodated within existing classes, according to the Government.

One area which everyone agrees on is the merging of office

and light industry to cope with recent technology.

Overall the proposals would simplify the present system, reducing the number of classes from 18 to 12, while encompassing some uses not covered by existing UCOs.

Free copies of the consultation paper can be obtained from DoE, Distribution Section, Building 3, Victoria Road, South Ruislip, Middlesex.



Giant green belt quarry plan

DOES development in a disused chalk quarry mean a breach of green belt policy? (The quarry lies within the 1971 May do, but would be eminently justifiable, believes the company behind a massive 320ha shopping and leisure scheme for a pair of linked quarries in Swanscombe, north-west Kent.

A planning application for the first phase of the proposals, comprising 120,000sq m of retail and 14,000sq m of leisure space, has been lodged with Dartford council by a company formed by Blue Circle (which owns the quarries) and developer Shearwater, a subsidiary of Rossmore.

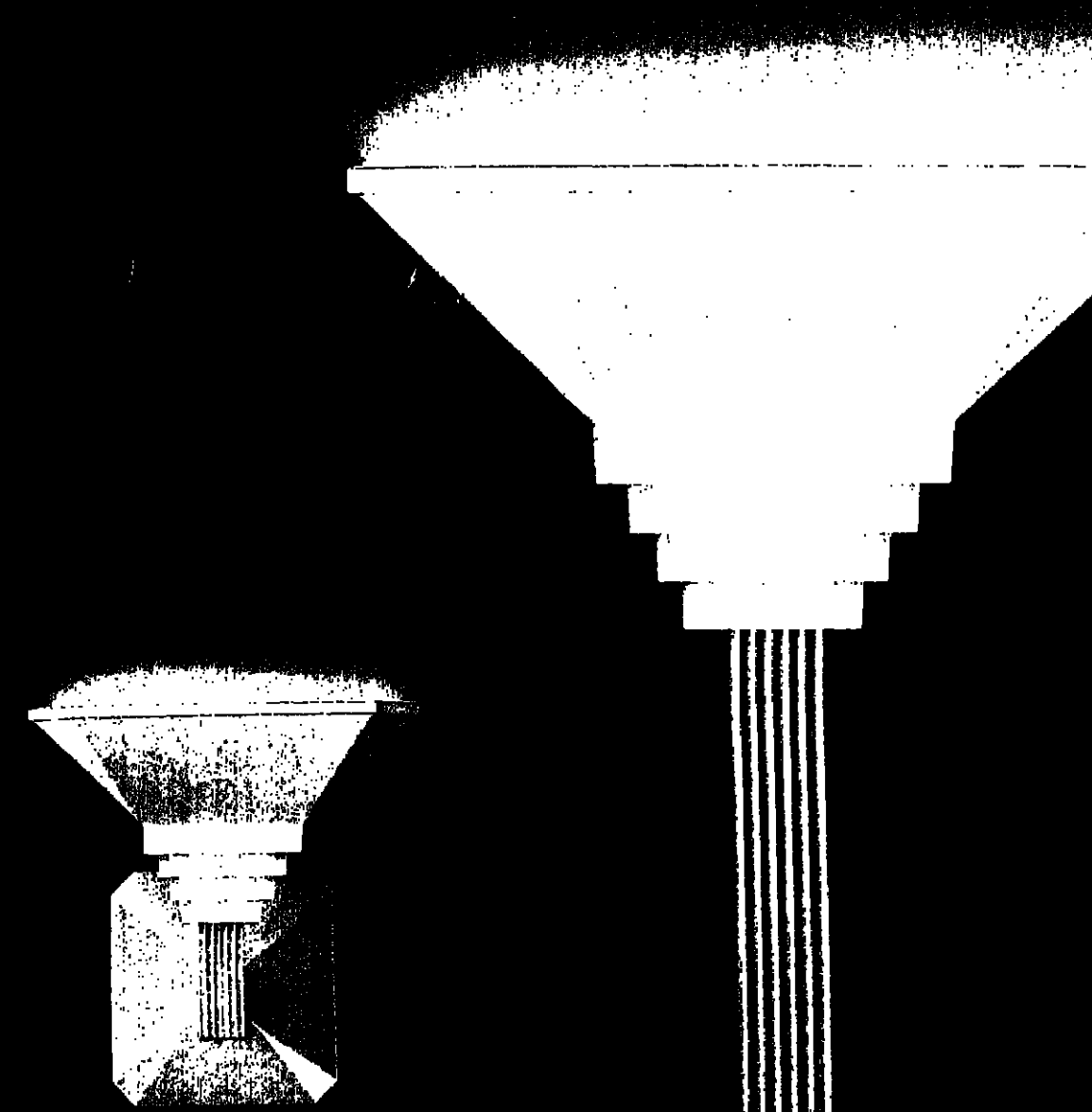
Designed by architects Gordon Renoy & Partners, "Blue Water Park" would include three lakes in the first phase, which could start by the end of 1987 and be completed in two years. Discussions are still under way on the content of the second phase, which would probably be

exclusively devoted to leisure uses, and could include a hotel.

Blue Circle has already submitted a basic plan for the tidying up of the quarry as it comes to the end of its useful life, but at a press conference this week, the developers said the local authority was looking for something more exciting which would generate employment. It is estimated that the total development could mean up to 8,000 new jobs for the area.

The buildings in the scheme, which is the latest megaproject for sites around the M25, would be about 40m below the top of the quarry, and would therefore provide no visual intrusion into the green belt, say the developers. Development within quarries is also being proposed for sites on the north side of the Thames for a shopping centre development at Thurrock, and for a major housing site nearby designed by Owen Luder.

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New leisure centre design the best form of flattery

A touch of architectural de ja vu may confront the visitor to Exeter Plaza, MWT's £8 million leisure centre which opens next month. Doubtless Jim Stirling will find this curving, sloping glass wall (left) the best form of flattery, although he may find it difficult to find his ideas reflected elsewhere in the scheme (right).

The complex includes a swimming pool, major auditorium, snooker hall, health centre and squash courts, as well as bars and a restaurant. It is part of the Rush & Tompkins development of a large derelict site beside St Thomas' station in Exeter. Next door is a new supermarket and a library.



40-year backlog

COUNCIL houses in Leeds could be left with pot sinks for another 40 years if the Government continues to underfund the city's housing improvement programme.

An independent survey has shown it would cost £600 million to bring the city's housing stock up to modern standards. Councillor John Battle told the housing committee that if the council continued to have its housing investment programme cut to last year's figure of £22.8 million it could take 40 years to catch up.

Government's tower block survey attacked as failure

THE Government was attacked this week for the failure of a crucial survey of the controversial large-panel tower blocks.

Almost two years ago the DoE asked local authorities for information on the structural condition of their tower blocks. But many have still not responded, or else have merely replied that the structural standard is not known.

In recent weeks this ignorance has become highlighted again as concern grows over the safety of Reema blocks, whose strengthening since the Ronan Point disaster appears to have been fairly hit-and-miss.

Ted Cantle, housing spokesman for the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, has now called for a directive from the Government of an official standard for tower block strength, and a clear guide of what councils should look for in surveying the buildings.

He said "only a few weeks work" would be involved in thrashing out these standards, if the DoE would give the go-ahead.

The DoE has effectively already admitted the case for such a survey by its 1984 request to councils. But the results of this, as published earlier this year in a Building Research Establishment report, *Large panel system dwellings: preliminary information on ownership and condition*, were far from comprehensive. It covered less

than half the 140,000 such flats known to have been built. The problem for the Government may be its reluctance to open itself out to further requests from the local authorities for financial assistance in the survey, or towards any subsequent strengthening work.

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Out of register

BARTLETT school lecturer and RIBA events convenor David Dunster has had a short-lived membership of the Aruck board of architectural education.

Next week's council meeting is expected to confirm Alan Lipman as his replacement, following Aruck's rejection of Dunster's election in March following discovery that his registration had lapsed.

Top museum

BEAMISH North of England Open Air Museum is the Museum of the Year for 1986.

The museum, which illustrates industrial development, received £2,000 and a sculpture by Henry Moore in the award scheme run by the *Illustrated London News*.

MWT post

THE new managing director of MWT Architects (Tyro) Ltd is Newton.

He has been with the MWT Group for nearly 14 years and was made a director of the Tyro company on its formation last year.

He succeeds Peter Rookley.



Marina design solution

The latest plans for housing in Brighton marina are a radical departure from the original plan for Module 2.

Volume house builder Barratt have taken on architects the Morgan Partnership for the £11 million project and have opted for a modern decorative design harking back to Brighton's Regency Terrace.

The 750 dwellings will have many Regency features, including windows, turrets, balconies, arched lintels, and decorative wrought-iron gates. Most of the homes, which come complete with their own yacht moorings, are set in a continuous six-storey terrace facing the marina and the sea.

A garden setting for Hampstead car park

A £25 million scheme designed to relieve Hampstead of parking problem while creating a mix of shopping, housing, offices and workshops has been announced by local architect Ted Levy Benjamin.

The development would be the site of the New End Hospital, which is being sold by Hampstead Health Authority.

Developer Dowling likes the site of a conservation area as a "village within a village." "What we envisage are low-rise, walkways, courtyards and parking," said Dowling director Malory Clifford.

Parking for 600 cars would be provided, claims Clifford, because of the slope of the site and the staggered layers of development, which has been described as "cantilevered gardens".

Also included are 100 flat office space, community space, a medical unit and workshops.

The scheme will go to Camden council for detailed planning permission later this year.

Architectural historian Alastair Service is leading a local campaign to save an Edwardian house in Hampstead designed by CHB Quennell.

Developers want to demolish the house and build a three-storey block of flats on the site.

In a letter to Camden council he strongly opposed the demolition of "a good quality Edwardian house designed by a distinguished architect and in a repairable condition".

The house should be converted into flats "or used by a family as originally intended," Service said.

More big plans for Midlands

If schemes continue springing up at the present rate, the West Midlands could end up being one big shopping/leisure development from Wolverhampton to Coventry.

While architect-developer Igor Kolodetschko's proposal for the biggest thing ever on a steelworks site in Sandwell (page 3 last week) builds up its case, two new huge shopping schemes were unveiled this week.

Architects The Halpern Partnership have just submitted a planning application for a 40,000sq m shopping centre in Birmingham.

The 10ha site comprises the existing Lynton Square

Shopping Centre and adjoining former greyhound stadium at Perry Barr. Developers Lynton Holdings and Ladbroke City & County and Company are backing the futuristic design, which includes a major superstore, food court, traders' hall and community centre.

Meanwhile, Building Design Partnership have been appointed architects for the £60 million development of a Central Electricity Generating Board site at Birchills, Walsall.

The Carroll Group is planning a leisure, shopping and industrial scheme for part of the derelict 48ha site.

Thumbs down for playhouse

DESIGNS for a new Leeds Playhouse have met a chorus of disapproval at their first showing to city planners.

The Appleton Partnership's scheme was the unanimous choice of the assessors in a major architectural competition last spring—but councillors are less enthusiastic.

Wide-ranging criticisms include the orientation of the proposed building, its scale and

before the judging of the competition.

"We passed our technical comments at that stage, but were in a difficult position to really influence things as we were not on the assessment panel," said the spokesman.

"There were a lot of good schemes, some which complied with our brief for the site. We drew attention to the fact that this scheme did not meet the requirements."

A key problem is that councillors object to the theatre complex having servicing and access from St Peter's Street. They wanted the main public face on this side.

The choice of buff instead of red bricks, and the proposed concrete roof tiles also break with the guidelines.

Knighthood to Derbyshire in birthday honours list

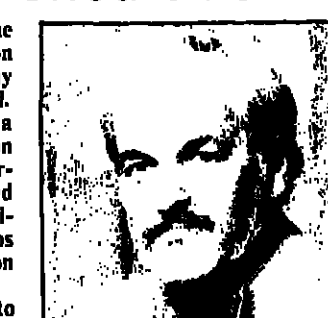
ANDREW Derbyshire tops the architectural world's recognition in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List with a knighthood.

President of RMJM and a board member of the London Docklands Development Corporation, Derbyshire is a failed candidate for the RIBA presidency—but this honour jumps ahead of the normal recognition afforded to RIBA presidents.

His wide-ranging service to architecture and interest in regeneration was shown recently by his acting as an assessor on *The Times/RIBA Community Enterprise Awards*.

The next highest award to an architect is picked up by John Weeks, who recently stepped down as senior partner at Llewellyn Davis Weeks. He gets a CBE.

OBEs also go to the National Trust's architectural adviser, Gervase Jackson-Stops; landscape expert Hal Moggridge of



Sir Andrew Derbyshire... wide-ranging service to architecture.

Colvin & Moggridge; William Trinder, architect for the Northern Ireland Housing Executive; and RIBA honorary treasurer Noel Wurr.

Well-known figures in the development world who have been honoured include Slough Estates chairman Nigel Mobbs, who gets a knighthood, and Graham Shaylor, the Birmingham city planner, who is awarded an OBE.

Council's romantic side

A HISTORIC house in Newcastle which looked destined for demolition has been saved. Newcastle City Council has taken over Bessie Surtees' 17th century house on the city's quayside and intends to spend

£200,000 to complete restoration started by Tyne & Wear Bessie Surtees was the paramour of John Scott, later Lord Eldon. She eloped with him from a first floor window of the house in 1774.

BRE issues new guides

THE Building Research Establishment has issued three papers on weatherproof joints in large panel system buildings.

They contain information on faults in weatherproof joints in large panel systems building and details of remedial measures available.

Information Papers 1P 8/86, 1P 9/86 and 1P 10/86 are available from the BRE price 75p. (0923) 674040.

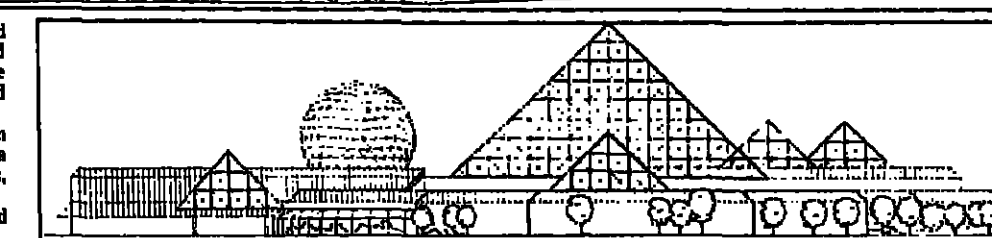
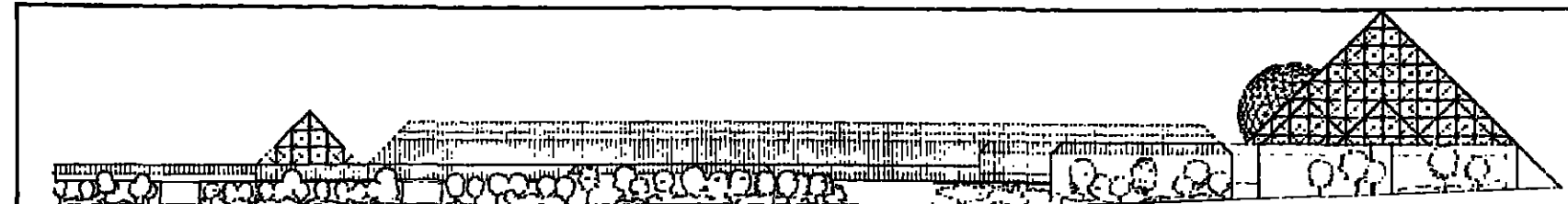
Schools threatened

MAINTENANCE cash shortage for schools in Bradford is so severe that schools may have to close for safety reasons, councillors claim.

The city has a £17.6 million backlog in repairs, rising at more than £2.5 million a year.

At present spending rates, officers have estimated that schools might be redecorated only once in a century—if they can stay open that long.

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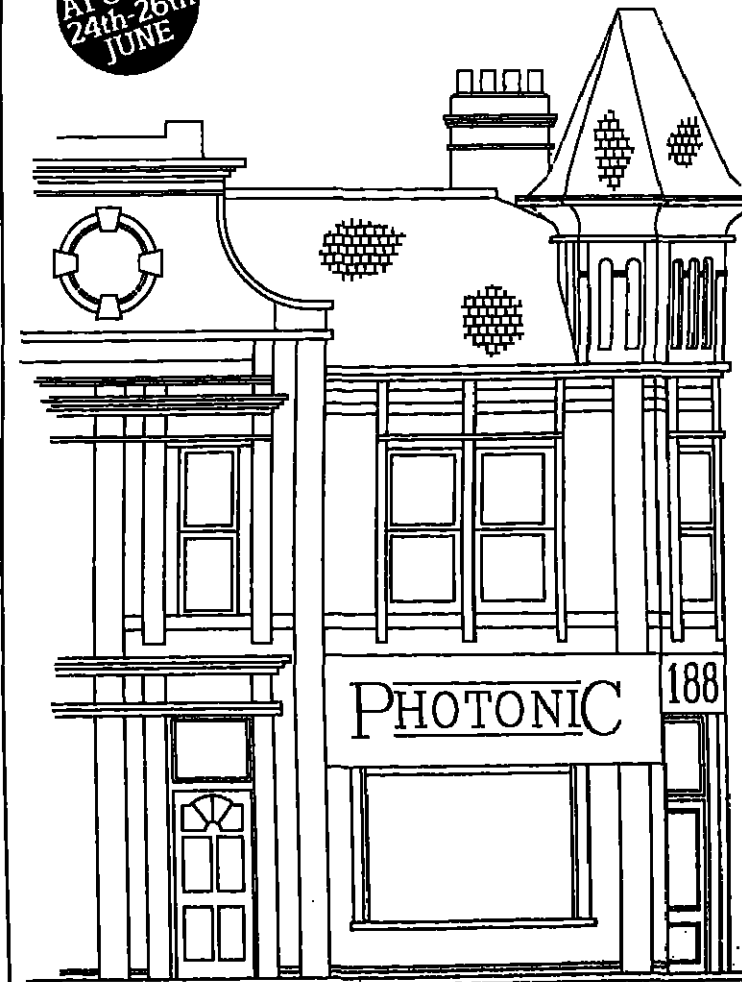
PSA wins awards

MAJOR safety at work awards were presented to the Property Services Agency this week by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents in recognition of the agency's London and Scottish regions' achievements in reducing accidents.

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Library building survival

WESTMINSTER council has turned down plans by Land Securities to demolish London's oldest library and develop the site in Great Smith Street, close to DoE headquarters.

This dramatic about-turn from the council, which approached the developer and its architects, Frederick Gibberd Coombes, and offered them the site, comes after pressure from local residents and MPs.

Part of the original deal was a new library for the community and an underground car park to help deal with traffic using the Westminster conference centre.

Land Securities will now press ahead with plans to develop the 0.4ha site which it already owns behind the library.

Montagu's rewards

LORD Montagu is paid £22,000 to be chairman of English Heritage, the DoE has revealed.

His deputy, architect-royal the Duke of Gloucester, takes no remuneration, but the other three architect commissioners — Jeremy Benson, Donald Insall and William Whitfield — each get £3,190.

The chief executive of English Heritage, formerly the Historic Buildings & Monuments Commission, gets £42,000.

Energy teach-in

IMPLICATIONS of the new Energy World housing development will be discussed at the RIBA on July 18.

Developments in energy-conscious housing, particularly as shown in the Energy World show village currently under construction, will be explored by Bill Allen of Bickerdike Allen chairs the day. Details from Tim Blackburn, tel 01-580 5533.

Hugh Morris

HUGH Morris, the RMJM architect, who died suddenly on June 9, was a charismatic figure in his profession. After a brilliant and eventful student career at the Architectural Association, he joined the London County Council housing division whose radical and inventive approach — under Robert Matthew — suited his temperament. In addition to a number of completed developments, he was responsible for the housing aspects of "the best new town that was never built" at Hook, Hampshire.

In 1955, he was seconded for a year's teaching at the AA and a severe attack of polio left him physically disabled but with his zest for life, charm and sensitivity totally undiminished; which stood him in good stead when he became president of the AA in 1967.

By then, he had joined the new practice of Robert Matthew,

Johnson-Marshall & Partners and became the partner responsible for the design of the new University of Bath. He was London chairman of the partnership for eight years, before handing over in 1984 to Andrew Derbyshire the chairmanship of the new company — RMJM London Ltd — that he had helped to start.

Thereafter, he continued his close connections with RMJM and also set up Morris & Clark, a child of the RMJM family specialising in smaller building projects.

Morris generated community responses to planning issues. With others in Camden Town he helped torpedo what had been known as the Inner London Motorway Box; more recently, he was the community mouthpiece for opposing controversial building developments.

Peter Newham

Battersea's asbestos removal 'way off schedule'

ASBESTOS removal from Battersea Power Station is way behind schedule, the Central Electricity Generating Board has revealed.

The news is fuelling local speculation that the scheme for a £60 million theme park will never get off the ground.

The CEGB told *BD* that the first phase of blue asbestos removal is near completion, but a price for the finished work has not been agreed with the developer, Battersea Leisure.

CEGB says that "complicated negotiations" are going on with Battersea Leisure head John Broome, over who is to pay for the work, which has almost trebled in price.

The board also says it cannot start work on the second phase

until it knows more details of Battersea Leisure's scheme.

Meanwhile a local group opposing the theme park, Battersea Inquiry Group, is pressing for a meeting with the CEGB to urge them to tighten up the leasing agreement with Battersea Leisure.

The group says that under the present lease, if the project fails and goes into receivership, Battersea Leisure would be left with the titles to the land. It could then apply to the DoE for listed building consent.

The group wants to secure a reversion clause that would make sure the power station goes back to the CEGB.

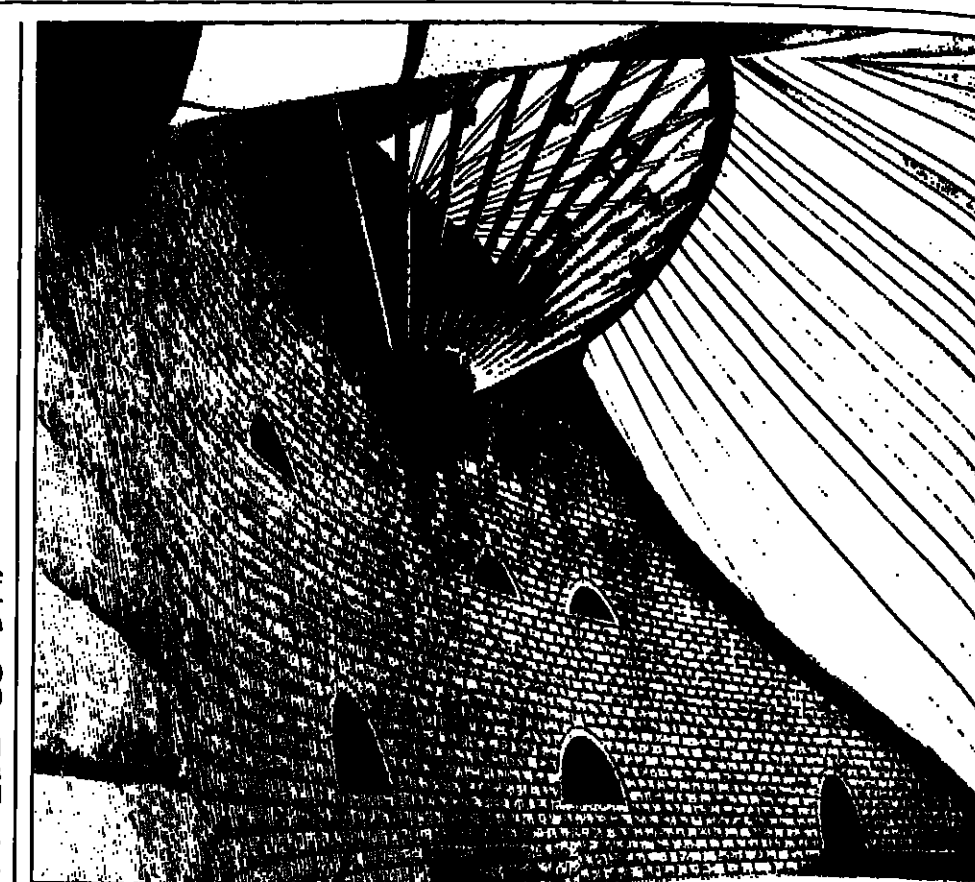
While City sources say that Broome has been unsuccessful

so far in his attempt to raise finance for the project, proposals have been made for a £600,000 train station.

Battersea Leisure says that 60 per cent of the estimated 22,000 daily visitors will come by car.

The train service — which will be linked to mainline platforms at Victoria and Clapham — will not run in the rush hour.

But a spokesman for another local pressure group, the Battersea Power Station Community Group, called the station plans "totally inadequate".



One of the schemes illustrated at this year's Archtix exhibition is this interior for the Diplomatic Club in Hong Kong commissioned by the Rhydd Development Authority, and designed by Omran in a joint venture with Atelier Prolou and Euro Happold. Our preview of the Archtix exhibition starts on page 22.

WHAT'S STOPPING THIS FIRE FROM REACHING THE NEXT PAGE?

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Study finds 'atrocious' conditions

ATROCIOUS living conditions have been uncovered by the first local study following the Inquiry into British Housing chaired by Prince Philip.

The Inquiry into Leicester-shire Housing found that one-third of the city's housing was built before 1919 and that there were 4,701 unfit homes and 6,333 lacking inside toilets or baths.

A total of 33,428 houses needed major repairs and the numbers of homeless had increased by 10 per cent in the last year.

Ban on gas

FEARS over the spread of fire in tower blocks have led the Northern Ireland Housing Executive to propose banning bottled gas appliances from all high-rise blocks over four storeys. But many of the blocks in the province would still have piped gas.

PROPERTY Services Agency work practices are continuing to come under heavy fire from MPs.

New reports from select committees identify shortcomings in the agency's organisation of major building programmes for courts and prisons and in estimating costs.

For the second year running

the environment select committee has drawn attention to the "long list of overspent projects" handled by the PSA.

In its fourth report of this

session, the committee criticises the relation between estimating and the design process at the

By Lewis Blackwell

PSA, and picks out projects which have diverged from estimates by as much as 114 per cent, with an average increase of 12 per cent.

The MPs call for the PSA to study its control procedures, and also to refuse quoting for a project until the client bodies firmly fix their requirements.

An extreme example of the post-estimate alterations was at

Derby Crown Court (77 per cent over estimate), where the Lord Chancellor's office decided it would like 50 per cent more space than originally proposed.

A slip-up placed firmly at the PSA's door occurred with the 51 per cent rise in costs for the eastern galleries project at the Natural History Museum.

Misleading information caused the bulk of the rise, but the PSA received a rap over the knuckles from the DoE and from the committee for failing to obtain ministerial approval for letting the contract.

But the Government itself is under attack indirectly in the MPs' comments, as they continue to criticise the mounting maintenance backlog faced by the PSA on its estate responsibilities. This rose from £90 million last year to its present level of £100 million.

The backlog in the court building programmes slammed by the public accounts select committee, which calls for "sustained action and a change in attitudes" in order to get to grips with the continuing pressure on the courts.

It calls for the Lord Chancellor's department and the PSA to "take stock at the highest level" of the courts' programmes problems.

Unconventional

More than 50 luxury homes are being created within a former convent. Luc Markies Associates are architects on the £3 million refurbishment of St Mary's Convent in Hottelgdean, Sussex. Together with new build 43 will provide 43 apartments, 14 houses and an underground car park.

The car park is below the quadrangle which has been formed by the addition of new wings at each end of the main building.

Call for speedy survey

THE environment select committee has added its voice to protests over the Government's response to the deteriorating condition of Britain's housing stock.

It has called for a speeding up of plans for the House Condition Survey, pointing out that on present timing the results will not be known before 1988 at the earliest.

The committee is clearly irritated at having DoE officials refuse to answer questions on the state of Britain's housing, consistently pleading that they must await the survey's findings.

"Neglected maintenance is not merely postponed but gives rise to the need for even more maintenance later on," the committee points out.

It has asked for the whole survey process to be speeded up so that preliminary results will be available for consideration alongside next year's DoE estimates.

MPs in the committee believe that the public sector situation is clearly getting worse, while the private sector is improving its maintenance backlog.

The committee suggests that £1 billion a year expenditure on the public sector will not be enough to achieve any reduction in the £19 billion backlog.

Stockport issues tower block writs

STOCKPORT council has issued writs against five building contractors over 17 defective tower blocks in the borough built in the 1960s.

But the council's chances of recovering all of the £650,000 spent on repairs look bleak because three out of the five companies have ceased trading.

Although the companies have been taken over by other firms, liability for any past work is denied.

The blocks at Lancashire Hill, Brinnington, Mottram Street, and Hollywood have in-situ reinforced concrete frames with brick infill panels and concrete cross walls for stiffening.

They were designed by the old Stockport Borough Council with engineers L G Mouchel & Partners.

Faults were discovered in 1981 during routine cladding maintenance and Mouchel's were called back to survey the blocks. They found insufficient cavity ties, excessive cavity widths and inadequate support of the brick infill panels.

The upper floors of the blocks were immediately evacuated until they were made safe.

Final touch

PETERBOROUGH Development Corporation is to be wound up on September 30, 1988, the DoE has announced.

The new town plan has been largely achieved, says the department, but final developments will involve the completion of the road system, proposals for redevelopment of the Rivergate area, and more private housing.

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After a three-year battle with planners, local developer Wigan Homes has won permission for a £10 million holiday complex and marina on the edge of Lake Windermere. The scheme includes 76 waterfront cottages, new moorings and an extended marina basin. A new club house, restaurant, and leisure facilities are planned.

Students take prizes in ideas competition

THE winners of an ideas competition for converting industrial relics in West Yorkshire include three students from Manchester Polytechnic. Three designs shared first prize and won £1,000 each. Students Catherine Storr and Ray Bunting proposed to turn the Granary at Leeds into a restaurant, museum and workshop.

Michael Ollis, also from Manchester, produced plans to convert the Crossley Mill at Sowerby Bridge for residential use and Mitchell Proctor & Associates drew up plans to turn the Calder & Hebble Navigation Warehouse into a "hotel". The competition was sponsored by the RIBA and the West Yorkshire County Council. There were 47 entries.

Falling out in style...

A BUILDER from Bournemouth has planning permission for a nuclear fallout shelter, complete with Jacuzzi. Harvey Euridgesaid he would be able to survive in the shelter for two years. Bournemouth council said the shelter must be "suitably landscaped" and should not be inhabited "unless there is a national emergency".

Euro-scheme for Docklands leaves residents outraged

A PROPOSED European Community building near London's Tower Bridge is being opposed by the Royal Fine Art Commission, residents and the local council.

St Katharine-by-the-Tower, the wholly owned subsidiary of Taylor Woodrow, has applied to the London Docklands Development Corporation for planning permission for an office and housing development (below). The £19 million scheme, designed by APT Partnership, comprises three-, four- and five-storey office blocks totalling 8,100sq m, plus seven town

houses. It was designed after an application for a 10-storey development rejected last year. It is on one of four sites shortlisted by the Government as a potential location for the

By John Wood

European Community Trade Marks Office, but a spokesman for the developer said the scheme would go ahead whether or not it was selected for occupancy by the EC.

Local residents are outraged by the scale of the proposals. Frank Muldoon, spokesman for the South Quay Tenants Association, said: "For our homes which are adjacent to the site, their five storeys corresponds to eight of ours."

He said the SQTA would not object to a low-rise development, but would prefer an architectural competition.

The RFAC attacked the quality of the design. In a letter to the LDDC, chairman Norman St John Stevas described it as "missing too many opportunities to be acceptable".

"A large office block does not fit together with the modest and charming Dockmasters House (alongside)."

Tower Hamlets council is also opposing the scheme. A meeting of its Wapping neighbourhood committee at last week the area was suitable.

Unless more shops and at least one storey were removed from the blocks, it would ask the scheme to be called in. The other three sites chosen by the Government for the Trade Marks office are 24 Cockspur Street near Trafalgar Square, Harrow and Croydon. Other European cities are being considered.

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Atwell at large

Advice to the new minister

THE appointment of Nicholas Ridley as environment

Finally, and no doubt less to the minister's liking, is my suggestion that something should be done about capital receipts. It is said that some £6 billion is now tied up in capital receipts, largely from the sale of council housing, which is inaccessible to the local authorities concerned. It is an unpardonable intrusion into local democracy and freedom of action by councils if they are prevented from demonstrating the tangible results of their policies.

Planning virility test

NICHOLAS Ridley is probably wishing he had never heard of the phrase "green belt", for of all the planning issues facing the new environment secretary, this is the one where whatever he does will be wrong, at least in the eyes of a substantial proportion of the electorate, and of the Conservative Party itself. Not that Mr Ridley is maladroit at dealing with such dilemmas — look at the way in which he brought Stansted airport into being after 20 years of debate, and managed to do it without fatally injuring his political reputation. But green belt is a rather different question since it relates to a

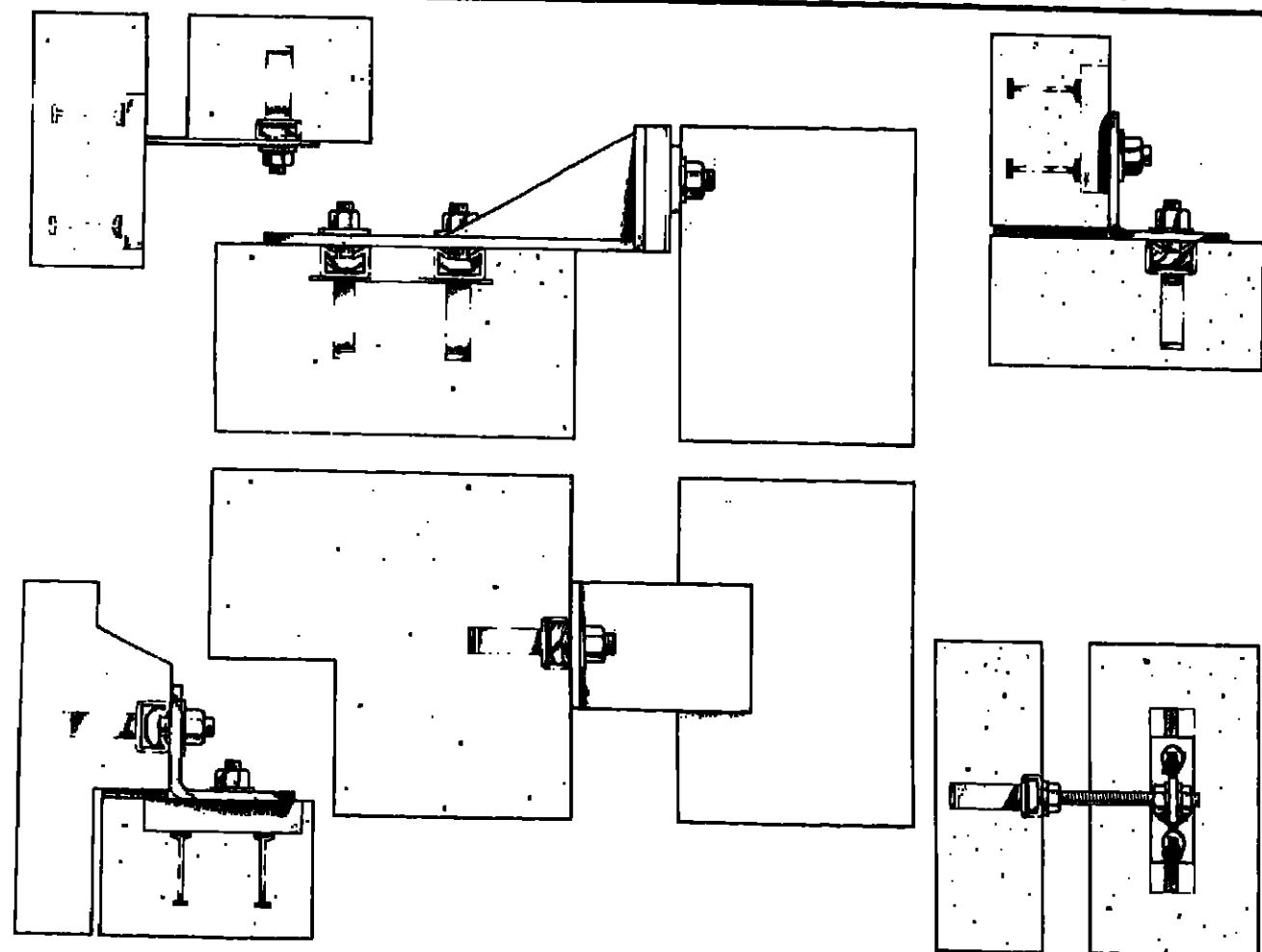
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The environment secretary's task is to hold a balance between the virtues of a rational and equitable planning system and the need for development. What, surely, Mr Ridley needs to do is to avoid giving approvals in green belt areas for general reasons, and concentrate on the specific benefits of proposals for particular locations which justify overriding the general presumption that development should not be allowed. Thus, for example, the proposition

The Editor's Comment



that we should allow the Tillingham Hall "new town" in Essex because "we need more housing in the South-east" becomes an unconvincing argument. There is no shortage of sites in our urban areas, and there are plenty of examples of good housing developments in the inner city which attract a surfeit of buyers. Whatever the propaganda of the house-building lobby (live in inner London and you are certain to be mugged/raped/burgled etc), their general arguments do not justify specific developments of the sort proposed. On the other hand, if a development is absolutely appropriate then there may well be a case. Mr Ridley will have to draw the line between allowing individual cases and letting their volume negate the admirable concept of the green belt.



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Religious input for RIBA conference

DAVID Jenkins, controversial Bishop of Durham, has accepted a longstanding invitation to address the RIBA conference next month.

Bishop Jenkins looks set to add to his troublemaker image, as he is scheduled to respond to environment secretary Nicholas Ridley's keynote address to the conference on July 10.

On the conference's main day, July 11, speakers include Rob Krier, Denise Scott Brown, Arata Isozaki, Ken Livingstone, Clive Thornton, Alfred Wood, James Gowan, Rem Koolhaas and Kevin Rhowbotham. A satirical architectural revue is the highlight of the evening.

Activities on Saturday July 12 include visits to the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, or a tour of 1930s cinemas.

The overall theme of the event

is "City Wise — complexity and contradiction in urban life". Details from RIBA Events, 01-580 5533.

Seventy free places at the conference are being offered to students and young architects by the RIBA Building Industry Trust.

One free place will be given to each UK architecture school as a fourth-year prize.

In addition, 35 places will be awarded to qualified architects under 30.

They should write to the trust by June 26, giving reasons on no more than one side of A4 why they wish to attend and contribute to the debate.

Applications should be sent to the Trust Secretary, RIBA Building Industry Trust, 66 Portland Place, London W1N 4AD.

Disabled get backing

WANDSWORTH council is backing disabled groups in a fight to get lifts put into Clapham Junction.

Borough planners have taken up recommendations from Wandsworth Disablement Group and are to press British Rail to install "basic mechanical facilities for both disabled and able-bodied persons in the redevelopment and modernisation of the station".

BR has made no provisions for disabled people in the £1 million refurbishment of Britain's busiest station (News June 6).

Borough planner Peter Pendleton said: "We can only make a recommendation."

Lime Street replacement

HAMPTON Court's 270-year-old semi-circular avenue of limes in the great fountain garden is to be felled as a precursor to the restoration of the formal landscape features, originally planted in 1710.

Lord Elton, DoE minister responsible for heritage, told the Commons it was "the only satisfactory way to conserve the form and function of this important avenue".

Some 60 trees have been lost in recent years, leading to patching up of the original, strongly uniform plantings.

An exhibition on the proposals runs until the end of the month at Hampton Court.

present administration in Westminster. However, if the appalling and growing problems of our divided nation are ever to be realistically addressed, then I believe a regional development agency is essential for the whole North.

During the last year when Mrs Thatcher's neo-Georgian house in Dulwich won its volume householder hegemony a *Wharfe House* design Award, courtesy of a *Sunday Times* supplement comes the irresistible attractions of Birch Mead in rural downtown Orpington, Kent, a gateway at a mere £350,000. Whoever can have been responsible for "designing" (if that is the right word) the monstrousity I illustrate? There is nothing right about its proportions or front elevation; the relationship of window types, soldier arches to the windows, the extraordinary porch, absence of chimneys, the list of aberrations goes on. Not only must architects seek to convince the public and their clients that they have a right to expect better (if they can afford it), but the house-builders should have a duty to be patrons of better design.



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Fighting the establishment

From Hans Schirmacher, secretary, Architects against Apartheid, South Africa

IN our struggle against the oppressive apartheid system, we suggested that certain amendments be made to the constitution of the Institute of South African Architects, and that a meeting be called to discuss the proposals, in open forum. Our institute's president, in his letter of reply, advised that the "committee had decided that it would not be in the interests of the members if a meeting be

called to discuss the matters raised..."

Our group then resorted to the assembly of some 160 signed requisitions to force the ISAA to assemble the special meeting. We are now awaiting the time and venue to be announced.

In the hope that we might gather some support from other architectural groups (as we intend to declare ourselves independent should our human rights amendments be defeated) we wrote a letter to the president of the RIBA, advising him of our efforts. We thought, since the RIBA had taken such a grand stand as regards the derecognition of the degrees from South African schools, it would be interested in our efforts to effect change within our own profession by making our services

unavailable to the apartheid structure.

It is therefore saddening that to two letters (one of them registered), the RIBA has thought it inappropriate to render the courtesy of a reply. Or perhaps the RIBA prefers to hob-nob with its establishment associates on the ISAA; associates who travel to defend our students against derecognition and then return to continue their efforts on behalf of the apartheid structure which fills their pockets and bloats their stomachs.

We are very disappointed in our associates at the RIBA. But having learnt from the president's rebuff, we will seek support in other realms and from architectural groups more inclined to support our human rights efforts. Perhaps you would be kind enough to assist us in this search by putting us in contact with architects who might support our cause.

Hans Schirmacher
Architects against Apartheid
PO Box 84342
Greenside 2034
South Africa

An obsolete building type

From Peter Hutchinson
I DID not mean to sneer at the semi-detached house (June 6) but to attack it head on as an obsolete building type, devised at a time of cheap land, open coal fires, no cars and no amplified noise.

Whoever's housing needs it meets, they are not those of anyone living next door to a family with children playing reggae day and night. Sandwiched into a row of terrace houses, they are a pain in two lots of necks instead of one and double the pressure that can be applied to restore tranquility.

The best thing about semis is that they form a vast reserve of urban space and, rather than restyling them, architects would be better occupied designing out the shortcomings of terrace houses. Planners, meanwhile, should be working on ways of putting the space to better use.

Peter Hutchinson
London SW15

Suburban Utopia

From W McCain
I AGREE with N E Wigg (June 6).

It is people like Peter Hutchinson who get architects a bad name. Who was it said, "the average man's idea of Utopia is a semi-detached house in suburbia"?

And the beauty of it is that the majority of the semis built in the mid-war years never had an architect anywhere near them. Except of course for the faint echoes of those real architects, like Lutyens, Leithaby, Voysey, R L Wright and the like.

As you may have gathered, as a humble building surveyor I cannot take much of this modern stuff; it all falls down and lets the water in, you see!

W McCain
Southport
Merseyside

A social conscience

From J Wood
WITHOUT wishing to sanction the fact or otherwise of BR's lack of consultation with Seifert Ltd, it is surprising that John Seifert (Letters June 6) should feel so aggrieved — may be he can begin to understand how Limehouse residents feel about not being consulted, and when we are, we find ourselves totally ignored.

Can Seifert be suggesting, as his letter implies, that his project for Huntingate and the British Waterways Board is now "socially conscious"? Housing at £150,000 plus will surely endear him to local residents!

I don't believe they will wish to see for themselves "the qualities that the scheme embodies" when it takes from them such a unique asset as Limehouse, with all its potential, described by so many sensible people during the public inquiry.

I do not understand how John Seifert, on the sole basis of Patrick Jenkin's disgraceful decision to overrule his inspector's damning report of Seifert Ltd's scheme, can suggest that his project is now acceptable. Maybe he should reassess his role as an architect and question whether in the light of all the evidence he should not be recommending a different course of action to his clients.

If he is genuinely concerned about "seriously assessing urban renewal", I am sure the residents of Limehouse would welcome his participation, with his clients, in a public debate on the merits of his scheme, given that, albeit highly fortuitously, he has secured outline planning permission for them.

As his client is a public body, presumably with some public accountability, I am sure that they too will recognise this and maybe together they can mutually regenerate themselves in order to create a more socially acceptable partnership with the people and businesses in Limehouse.

J Wood
London E14

Disabled up the junction

From Roger FitzGerald
WHILE I am delighted that British Rail is upgrading Clapham Junction, it is remarkable that disabled people will still be excluded from using the station (News June 6).

The prime value of Clapham Junction is as an interchange station, with people changing between the main lines into Victoria and Waterloo. Thereby they avoid long underground journeys across London (for the able), and expensive taxi-rides (for the disabled).

There are welcome plans to provide an "adapted-bus" service between Victoria and Waterloo, but this will still add at least an hour to a return journey to London. Also, what about those disabled people who actually live round Clapham Junction. BR's advice to "use alternative stations" is not terribly helpful to them.

If funds are in short supply, should the comparatively short-term refurbishment of catering and ticket facilities and staff canteens have priority over the long-term provision of access for the disabled, particularly at such a busy station?

Quite apart from the moral issues, there are economic arguments. BR's management is currently anxious to increase off-peak travel. If this policy is to succeed, rail travel shall have to start to appeal to minority groups, such as the disabled.

You report that BR's view that wheelchair access at Clapham Junction is not possible, and that it would cost more than £2½ million to provide. By its own admission, therefore, access is not "impossible", nor accurately, British Rail will not pay for it!

I do not believe that the difficulties presented by the changes in level at the station are as severe as BR claims, nor that a solution need cost so much. BR's scheme of a series of lifts, serving every platform and each requiring extensive building work, would indeed be ludicrously expensive in relation to the benefit gained.

I have copied this letter and sent sketch proposals to the chairman of the British Railways Board and appeal to BR to reconsider. If its policy really is to include disabled facilities "wherever possible", where better to demonstrate this than at the station where they are most necessary?

Roger FitzGerald
London SW11

Research record

From R W Brunskill, Manchester University School of Architecture
YOU report, correctly, that the school of architecture of the University of Manchester has been judged "below average" in its research work by the UKC (June 6).

My subject, vernacular architecture, is one for which we hold an international reputation. In one in which we have published more than 60 books and articles (of merit acknowledged by other researchers in the subject) over the years, and is one which has already resulted in the award of nine PhD theses, 10 MPhil theses and 21 MA dissertations to our library shelves.

Bearing in mind that this is only one of the subjects of research in our school of architecture, your readers must wonder, as I do, by what criteria we are judged "below average".

R W Brunskill
Whitlow
Cheshire

The ideal hospital

From Alan Bailey
SEEING your article about Legionnaire's Disease in Starford Hospital reminds me, again that at least 15 years ago DHSS "back room" people suggested that the most effective hospital from a nursing, cost, maintenance cost and hygiene point of view was a wooden hut that was used for two years, burnt down and replaced.

Perhaps there could be a review of such an approach to the new small hospitals! Alan Bailey
Leatherhead
Surrey

RIBA cramps CAG's style

From Ian Finlay, chairman, Community Architecture Group
I REPLY in response to Scorpio (May 30) to clarify the up-to-date position on the constitution of the Community Architecture Group.

If during the last 18 months the RIBA administration had actively supported and advocated the work of CAG, then by now an appropriate constitution relative to the RIBA would have been established.

CAG has a reputation for seeking to establish good working relationships with others, as witnessed by its involvement in the creation of the National Community Partnership. But such a relationship has not been possible with an administration that has:

- put CAG under pressure to lose its identity;
- sought to prevent CAG from operating as it has done in past years;
- wanted to prevent CAG from determining its own membership and chair.

CAG has explained at length to the administration that its style is its strength and during the last 10 years has been responsible for a number of achievements, including the community projects fund, of which the institute can be proud. CAG's wish to continue to operate in this successful manner, and the RIBA administration's resolve to prevent it, are at the heart of the ongoing conflict.

CAG has not been frightened to highlight the vagaries and inconsistencies of an administration only too willing to be seen to publicly support community architecture when it suits, while privately considering it to be a small issue.

Indeed, if the RIBA had an administration that would truly embrace community architecture, had demonstrated a proper commitment to it through genuine support for the institute's CAG, then a constitution would already have been established accordingly.

As this has obviously not been the case, this lack of real interest by the administration, proven over many months, will now clearly shape the constitution CAG will determine for itself.

In due course CAG will announce details of membership, but in the meantime would welcome hearing from architects willing to lend their support, including those with spare time who would be interested in helping to develop current and new community architecture initiatives, either via the pages of this journal or via the Community Architecture Resource Centre, 66 Portland Place, London W1N 4AD.

Ian Finlay
London W1

Out of the cubby-holes

From Simon Fraser
IT was Malcolm MacEwen in *Writing in architecture* (1974), writing as a journalist within 66 Portland Place, who suggested as part of the open door popularising of the RIBA that the Drawings Collection be returned in due course.

When the RIBA Council recently decided to follow up this idea a brief must have been issued, to accommodate the collection within the building, to some of the best members of the profession, and in technical

terms this would never appear to have been done. But no report has been published: only news items and sparse drawings and strong rumours which have not been denied.

A solution which is a combination of automatic warehousing and high-rise flats has been proposed. It would appear that this has been achieved by the most up-to-date methods of information retrieval of a mechanical and possibly electronic kind, much of which has arisen from the stacked nature of the accommodation available.

The questions which need to be asked are: does this give the best condition for viewing the drawings, for handling them or for economically staffing the collection on six floors in a way that compares favourably with the present arrangement? Does it afford adequate security to an extremely valuable collection when the circulation between the many floors is not separated from the institute's circulation?

Does it fulfill the president's view that it should be feasible and worthy accomplished? I think not, but when will the membership be fully consulted, as the president promised?

The level of accessibility and of storage of the drawings is already being questioned and reduced in this proposal to bring it into line with its relationship to the library. It may be that no one is really to blame, but the matter has not really been thought through — rather like accommodating families in high-rise flats.

For pay and rations the collection comes under the librarian, who may find it more tidy to have his domain all under one roof. Historically this is understandable, since the entire collection was previously crammed into a cubby-hole on one floor of 68 Portland Place, until with considerable initiative the present curator secured the funds and the magnificent accommodation so that the collection has been transformed from a parochial box file into an international asset. It is now like a living museum and of equal status with the library rather than a subsidiary of it. Whether it will maintain its status under the conditions proposed must be doubtful.

Whether this has surprised the profession is not known. They knew little of the collection before it moved out and no one objected when it did. Now that it has acquired such a good reputation some people want it back: whether the profession as a whole agrees is uncertain. The suggestion that many thousands of practising architects support the council is journalistic hyperbole, since there is no evidence of any survey or feedback suggesting any general membership view.

Most architects are far too busy making ends meet and meeting deadlines, and for the vast majority drawings are still only a means of communication for a project, and once finished they are thinking ahead to the next scheme. The fact should be faced that the collection is really of the greatest interest to the architectural historian — all the drawings in the collection are history — a profession and minority interest, which has emerged strongly as a separate entity in recent years: yet another splinter group — but without menace — off the old profession. But in the context of this collection it is the historians who are the professionals — the architects are the dilettanti.

I do not suggest that this

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priceless collection should be given away, nor that it should not be brought closer to Portland Place, but I do think we should think again, in consultation with a range of curators of other museums, as to how the collection should best be viewed. It should not be stuffed back into a series of cubby-holes just because it is ours, to be brought out on occasions as an item of publicity display.

Simon Fraser
London

A trap for outsiders

From John Wells-Thorpe, RIBA honorary librarian

HAD Roger White really understood the story so far, he would not have written in such irrelevant terms (June 6) but that is the trap into which outsiders can fall who presume to tell RIBA members what to do with their collection which, incidentally, is funded annually to the tune of £300,000, largely from our subscriptions.

Let it be said at once that the RIBA Library and its Drawings Collection has always been happy to welcome those outside its own membership, even if they contribute nothing to its up-

keep. It will become other users (who, out of a 21,000 UK subscribing membership are a "minority", despite what White would find it comfortable to believe) unworthily to infer that the director who enjoys council's complete confidence and is a gifted incumbent of that post, is motivated by power-hungry ambition. He already is responsible for the Drawings Collection to council.

We simply intend to reunite the drawings with archives, photographs and books under one roof and that makes scholarly sense and, in reaching that decision, have taken the independent advice of no less an authority than Lawrence Brandes, former head of the Office of Arts and Libraries.

John Wells-Thorpe
London W1

Cullum's artistry

From Richard Nightingale
WE were pleased to read your complimentary remarks about our work in your review of the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition (May 30).

I should like, however, to point out that the attribution in

the catalogue should have been in the name of our practice — Hugh Cullum & Richard Nightingale Architects — rather than that of Richard Nightingale, particularly as the "artistry" that would win David Pearce's prize is in fact Cullum's.

Richard Nightingale
London NW3

Let's extend league tables

From W J Kidd, professor of architecture, Queen's University, Belfast

AFTER its rating of the university schools of architecture by "research" (whatever that really means) perhaps the University Grants Committee could produce further league tables based upon, for example, student height-weight ratios, number of slides projected per lecture or the state of the lavatories in each school.

While this exercise continues, the RIBA could get its act together and fully back architectural education by supporting all the schools. Also, the profession generally could let it be known that, in its silly old-fashioned way, it really wants students to be educated in the

competent design and construction of buildings.

W J Kidd
Belfast

Lasdun's foresight

From Alexander Redhouse
YOUR report (June 6) on the precinct of the Royal College of Physicians again draws attention to the foresight of the planning disposition which has enabled this enclave to be created after a gap of 20 years.

Shortly after completion in 1966, Pevsner referred to the building as "post-modern", but so far as I am aware this label was not widely used until Charles Jencks' essay on late modernism and post-modernism in *Architectural Design* in 1978. The architects for the college were Denys Lasdun & Partners (subsequently renamed Denys Lasdun Redhouse & Soffley) and the partner in charge was Peter Soffley.

Alexander Redhouse
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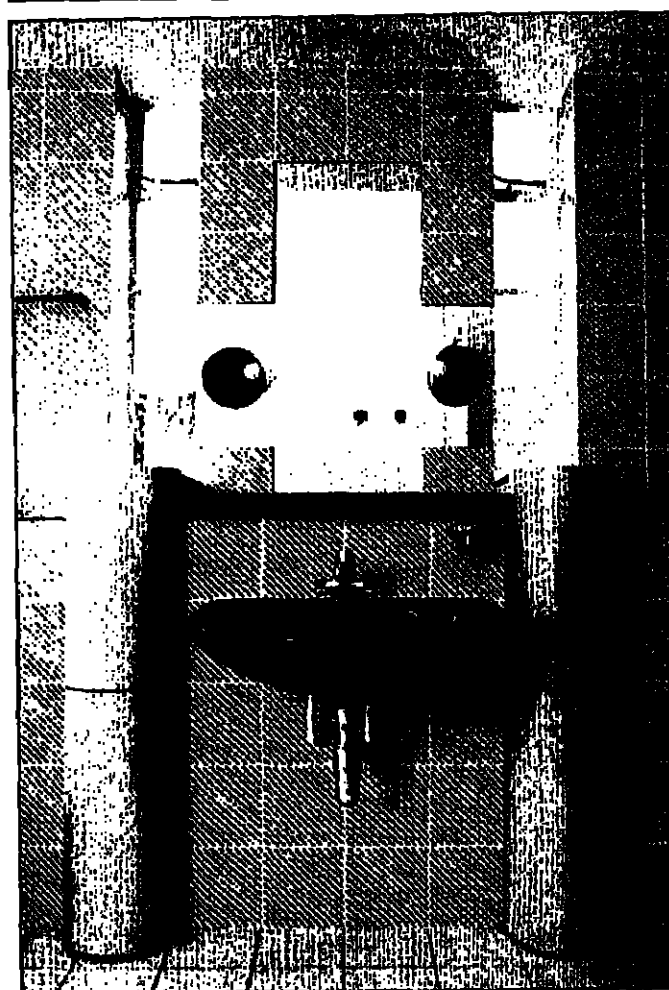
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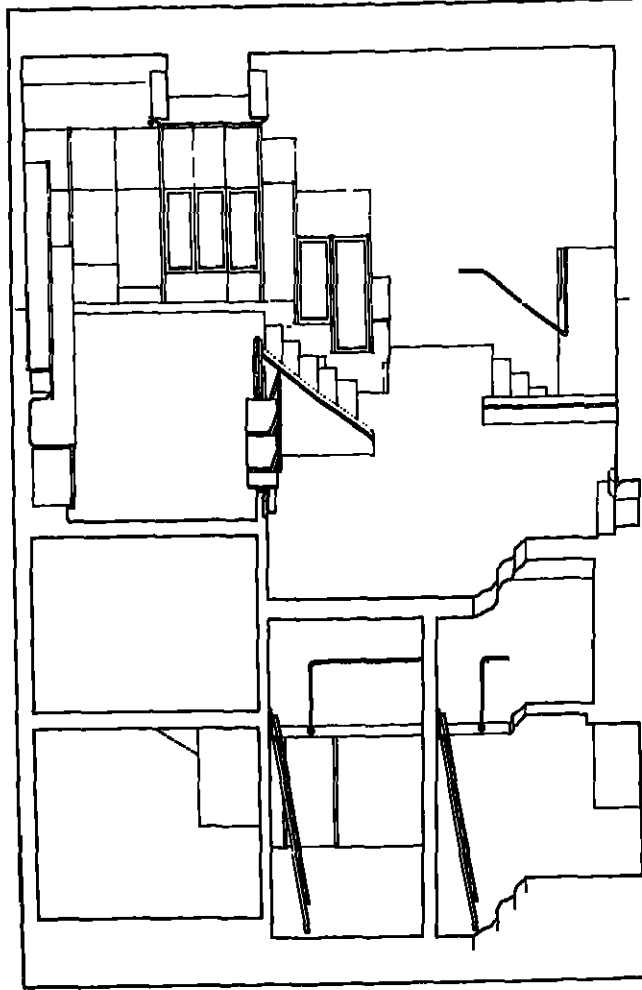
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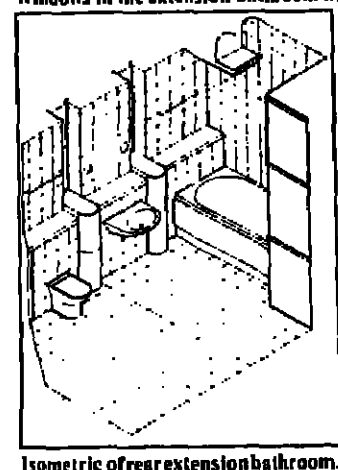
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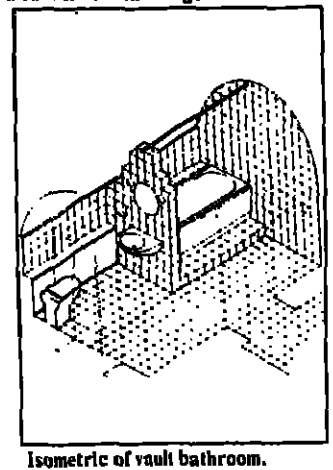
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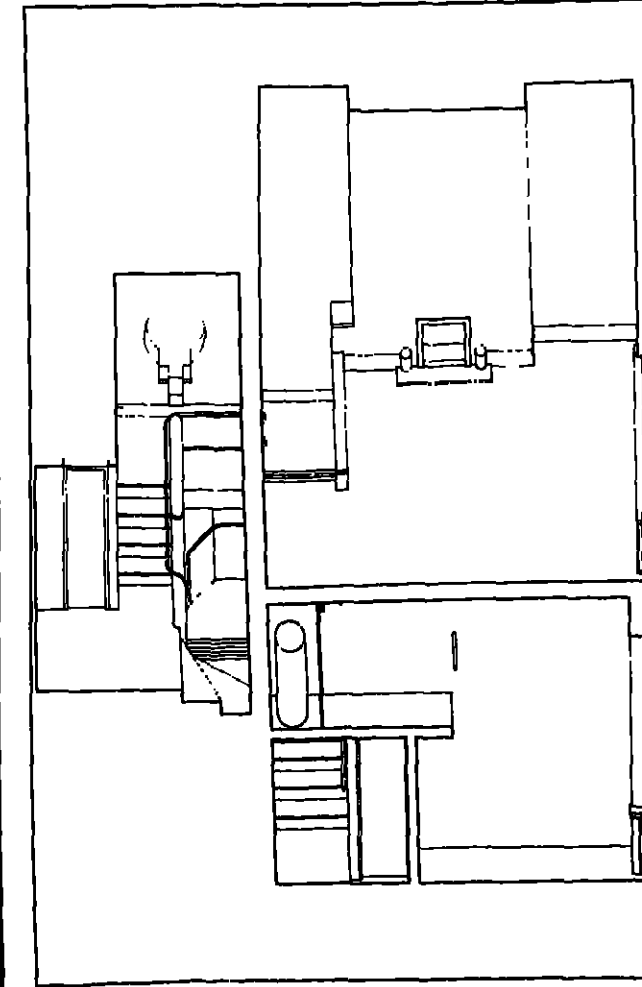
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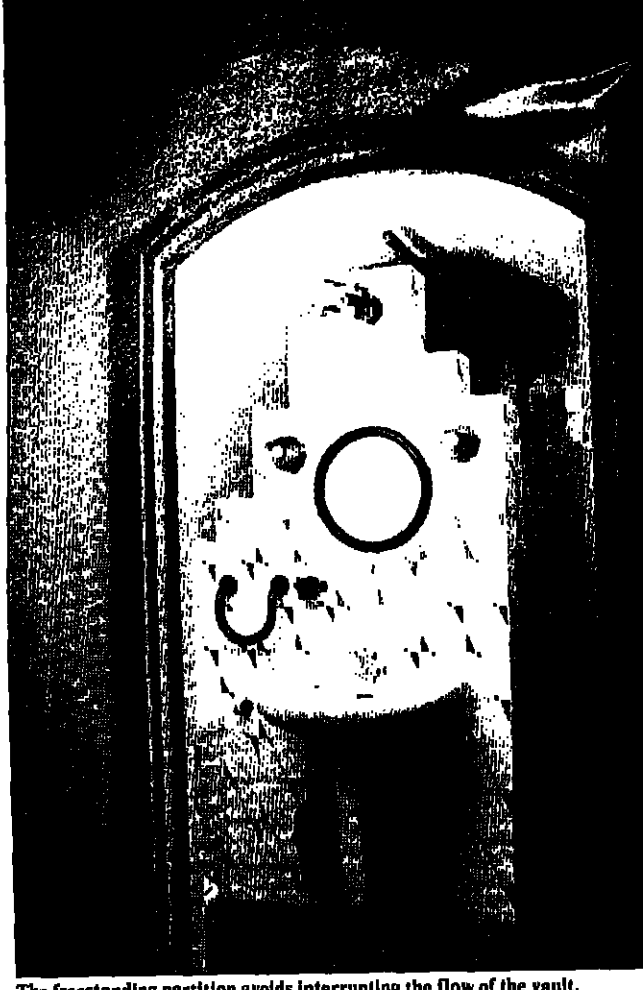
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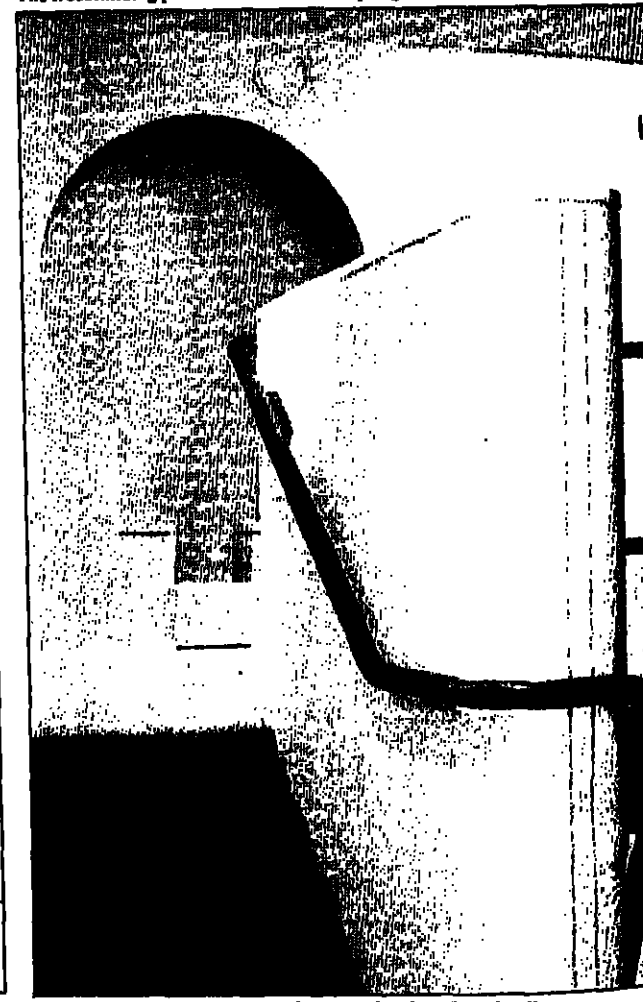
Joinery by Norwegian Bill Ellingsen relates the differing levels.



Part longitudinal axonometric.



The freestanding partition avoids interrupting the flow of the vault.



The keyhole recess features at the ground to first-floor landing.

Circulation breakthrough

WHEN Forstater Productions bought 42A Devonshire Close in central London, it took on a ramshackle dwelling with no obvious circulation route. Architect Tom Kay was called in to sort it out.

Kay's brief was to transform the multi-level building into comfortable offices for the film production company and a flat for its main producer when he is not away on location.

The two-storey mews house sits behind the Georgian buildings of Portland Place and was probably built in the early 19th century. Its ground floor is about 3m above the Portland Place gardens and it was built with conventional 2.5m floor heights.

A back extension some 50 years later provided two 4m high rooms which lined up with the roofline of the original property. This gave rise to an unwieldy 30s conversion where bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen and living

room were all taller than their plans' dimensions. The ground floor was taken up with a large garage and reception room with a tortuous stair linking the extension. The first floor was left as a separate flat.

Kay planned to rationalise the interior spaces, taking out the awkward changes of level caused by extension and conversion. Initial plans included breaking through beneath the building to found stairs which would extend the full height of the property. But site excavations revealed that the film company had bought more than it knew, as two vaults were discovered under a 220mm wall which supported the original mews cottage. This presented Kay with the simpler option of building down through the crown of the larger vault, using the rest as a film store.

"The difficulty of the job," says Kay, "is that it was not obvious what one could do from the existing drawings. It was only when the old staircase was ripped out and we started building from the other corner that we could see a way round the incredibly awkward spaces."

The main entrance is through the mews into a light, airy reception which has been altered little. Unlike the rest of the house, which features a neutral grey carpet, the floor is made up of polished wooden blocks. This leads into the rear extension, with a new window overlooking the back courtyard, which is used as a secretarial office. Kay put in a new office floor to align it with the reception.

Kay has cut short the large garage to make room for cloakroom, toilet and the new stairwell. The stair doglegs back and forth across the original rear wall of the mews house, starting

at its base, winding up through the crown of the larger vault into the back of the garage and turning back and up to the living room. This complex system was needed to get under the mews first floor flat which was outside the site boundary. A spaghetti of pipework is hidden in a duct behind the back wall of the stair, with the left-over space formed into a keyhole recess at the upper landing.

The basement is taken up with three bedrooms, two of which double as offices for company staff. Kay has put in galleries to bring down the ceiling height of the extension rooms. The main bedroom leads into a single-storey bathroom in what, at one time, was the scullery. This room features Italian wall tiles with pink and purple diagonal stripes and ceramic floor tiles. Two narrow windows onto the courtyard and two bow-fronted

beech pillars flank the basin.

Kay has designed a second bathroom in the smaller vault, which is within easy reach of the other bedrooms. The architect thought it prudent to avoid hanging fittings or pipework from the newly waterproofed vault surfaces. This constraint and the need for head-room above the shower and basin prompted a freestanding partition in hand-painted tiles by James Symcock. The result is a striking stepped ochre and red screen which avoids interrupting the flow of the vault surface above, and is complemented by more ceramic floor tiles and elegant bathroom fittings.

Returning via the new staircase to the first floor, the architect has removed a third of the intermediate floor, inserting two new floors to provide rooms of a size more in keeping with their purpose. The first formed

the mews level office behind the reception and the second determines the long, light kitchen and dining area next to the living room. The living, dining and kitchen area double as the producer's main offices. The living room is 4m high and leads up to the 2.5m kitchen. This change of level meant the architect had to contrive an increase in the dining area by cantilevering the table seating above the living room. The extension and the kitchen joinery clambering down the stairs integrate the differing roles of the two areas.

The whole project was completed after 15 months for £85,000.

Fiona Gorman

Architect: Tom Kay Associates
Client: Forstater Productions
Quantity surveyors: Brian Davies Associates
Structural engineers: Herbert Heller Services
Max Fordham & Partners
Contractors: Falkus Construction
Joinery: Billy Ellingsen
Heating and water services: R D Buchanan

Scorpio

To Russia with love: Britain in the 1980s

FORGET Chernobyl — the "British architecture in the 80s" exhibition has arrived at the Union of Architects in Moscow, without fanfare from the Open University or RIBA which helped to stage it.

The work of 32 British practices — plus Charles Jencks — is on show, plus thematic sections by various contributors, including CAD, energy, the ABK National Gallery extension and Palumbo tower, community architecture, conservation and new uses for old buildings (by our very own Ian Latham).

Another aspect of the links between our two nations which has so far gone completely unreported was the recent visit of Professor Iuri Sokolov, director of Russia's leading architectural school and centre for CPD, to some of our leading schools: the AA, Cambridge, the Bartlett, Central London and Kingston Poly.

As Sokolov remarked to Dr Catherine Cooke, OU lecturer in design and exhibition organiser: "With the publication on June 1 of our much-awaited Central Committee statement on the expansion and improvement of specialist higher education (my italics), this trip has become a significant turning point in our curriculum planning."

No doubt! UGC and RIBA please note.

New York" Koolhaas, and outsiders Ken Livingstone (again) and Clive Thornton — I fear what would have been the major draw could not make it.

Ada Louise Huxtable, former New York Times architecture critic, star of the recent and otherwise Jack-in-the-box "Architecture at the crossroads" TV series, was to have been the keynote speaker and worth the £100 fees in herself.

Instead, new environment secretary Nicholas Ridley will fill the breach and delegates can expect an extremely "dry" (as opposed to "wet") drubbing. The Bishop of Durham, David Jenkins (Lord help us) will reply. Perhaps this is why it is a "conference" again and not the ludicrous "convention" we were promised.

Mandatory genuflection

SURPRISE, surprise! Both this year's Herman Miller celebrity speakers at the RIBA last week — SDP leader David Owen and Observer editor Donald Treford — managed to slip in references to community architecture and the Prince of Wales.

Those who believe that a hawk has replaced a dove at Marsham Street, with the arrival of Nicholas Ridley, had their worst suspicions confirmed when Owen described the new environment secretary as "a fox in charge of a chicken run".

FACT: Ridley has been complaining about the amount of jargon in the building world. He asked a bemused official last week: "What does 'refurb' mean?"

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Landscape News

London councils save ecology unit

THE Greater London Council's ecology section is dead; long live the Greater London Ecology Unit. For out of the folly, waste and disorder of GLC abolition, some things of worth have been salvaged, and the small team led by chief ecologist Dr David Goode is one of them.

Because foxes, butterflies and the seeds of plants are no respecters of London's quaint and curious borough boundaries, it was always clear that the ecological element in planning had to be done on a London-wide basis.

Fortunately 20 or more of London's boroughs (predominantly Labour, but including Alliance Richmond and Tower Hamlets, and Tory Barnet and Croydon) have agreed to support and finance the unit's work. The Countryside Commission has chipped in with a gap-bridging grant of £35,000.

Details of the unit's survival were given at the London Ecology Centre reception to launch its latest publication,

Ecology Handbook No 4: A nature conservation strategy for London; woodland, wasteland, the tidal Thames and two London boroughs.

This admirably clear, orderly and well-produced handbook is intended as a prototype for the coverage of the whole of Greater London.

The landscape profession is, of course, well plugged-in to ecology these days. Not so architects, complains Jake Brown, chairman of the RIBA's environmental education committee.

"I have the distinct impression that some of my colleagues regard it as a self-indulgent, fringe subject," he says.

Ecology Handbook No 4 is obtainable from the Greater London Ecology Unit (still at Room 435, County Hall, London SE1 7PE). It costs £4 plus p & p. Previous volumes, obtainable from the same address, are No 1: Ecology and nature conservation in London, price £1; No 2, A guide to habitat creation, price £2; and No 3, Nature conservation guidelines for London, costing (believe it or not) £3.

Park campaigners win victory over quarrying

THE campaign mounted by the 50-year-old Council for National Parks, the Countryside Commission and others to safeguard the landscapes of our 10 national parks from damaging development has won a notable victory.

On May 28 the environment secretary announced his dismissal of Tarmac Roadstone's appeal against the Peak Park planning authority's refusal to allow extension of limestone quarrying at Topley Pike, near King's Cross.

Coming after the adverse government decision on the route of the Okehampton Bypass, Topley Pike does much to reassure defenders of national parks that the so-called "Silkin test" is not a dead letter. That is the name given to the criteria for

development in national parks offered as an undertaking in Parliament in 1947 by the then minister of town & country planning, Lewis Silkin.

He said development would only be allowed to intrude into national parks if it was essential in the national interest and

By Tony Aldous

could not be achieved elsewhere. If allowed, it must be subject to the most careful control of reinstatement and/or after-use.

The Silkin test did not stop an "improved" A66 going through the Lake District, even though a viable alternative route had been demonstrated to the north; nor did it stop the building of Trawsfynydd nuclear power station in the Snowdonia

national park. In both cases national park status arguably made the public agencies carrying out the development more willing to spend money and take pains to minimise the impact of the intruding developments.

In the case of Trawsfynydd, the skilful landscaping of Dame Sylvia Crowe achieved a remarkable degree of visual and ecological integration. But in the case of the A66, the justifiable pride of the Department of Transport's landscape architects in what is undoubtedly one of their best designed schemes has not satisfied conservationists.

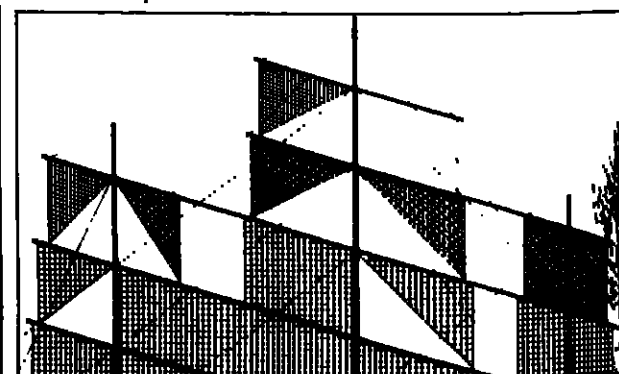
The Silkin test, however, comes under a different kind of pressure when it is a matter of whether to replace or renew an intrusive development which provides valuable employment. Snowdonia National Park is grappling with the prospect of Trawsfynydd power station needing to be "decommissioned" in the next decade or so. The station provides some 600

jobs directly and another 4 indirectly in an area where there is high unemployment. So, should be the national park authority's attitude to proposals to build a new nuclear station?

So far it has not taken a stand, either for or against. It has a national park officer Al Jones, explored with a generating board how best to accommodate such a development if it were to be approved. The national park committee would, for instance, prefer enlarged lake rather than 10 high cooling towers.

But it is not even entertaining the possibility of such a development being an implicit breach of the Silkin test.

Jones says local opinion is at least as strong as before Chernobyl — strongly in favour of replacement. He suggests that there may be a case in the present economic climate for adding a rider to Silkin. It might add "essential in the local interest" to the test.



Sail screens, Derek Lovejoy Associates.

Spectacular plan takes top spot in Glasgow show

AT last the Scottish Development Agency has issued the full results of the Glasgow Garden Festival landscape competition.

These, of course, confirm BD's exclusive of 11 weeks ago that Derek Lovejoy Associates had pulled off a hat-trick. Runner-up was Roy Winter, former Redditch new town landscape chief, who is now in private practice in Worcester-shire and was joined in his entry by one of three architects with whom he shares a studio, Gerald Farquhar. Third place went to Ian White Associates of Glasgow.

The winning DLA scheme's most spectacular feature is (as was plain from drawings in last week's BD) a series of "sail screens" 7 or 8 metres high, representing the sails of the square-rigged ships which in centuries past brought prosperity to Glasgow. Their lower sections are to be of trellis-work on which plants can be trained; the upper parts of wind-deflecting netting.

The second main element of the design, says DLA partner Will Williams, looks forward rather than back. The pattern of paths within the competition area is that of oil pipes, lengths of path alternating with wide circular spaces representing valves.

The third element is a canal running south-east/north-west

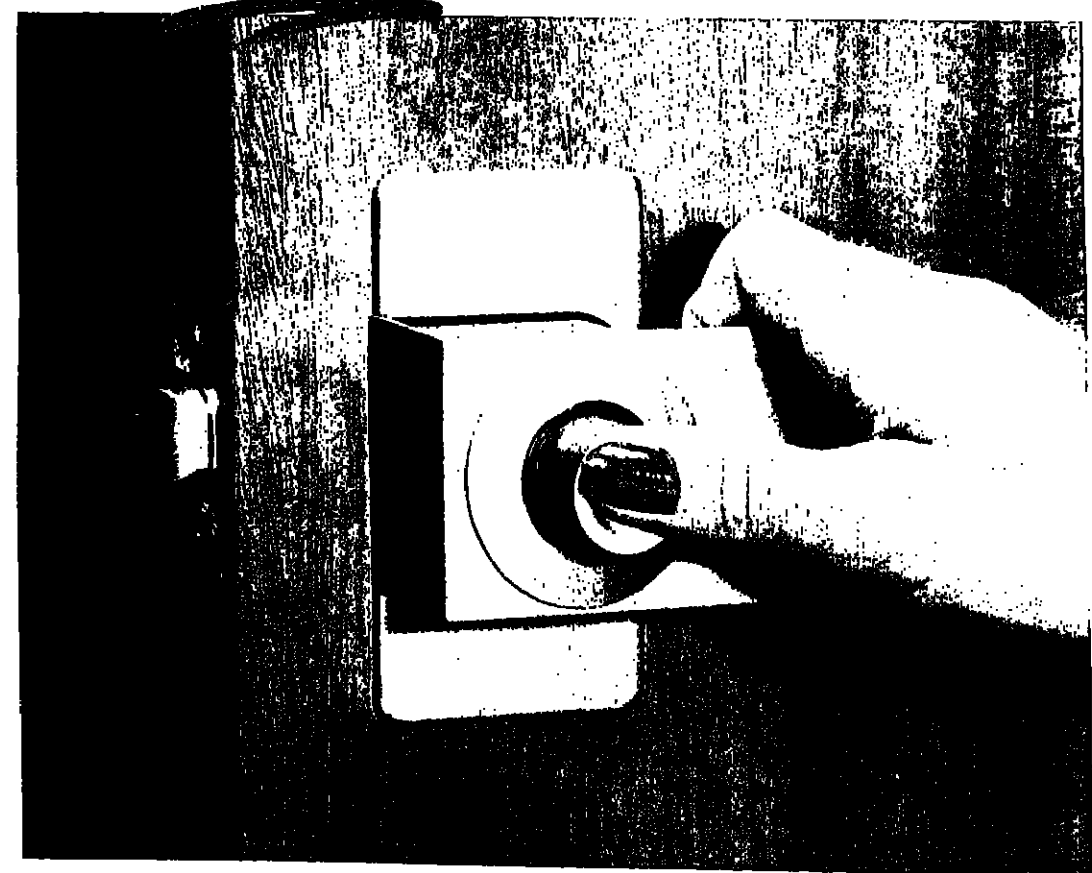
along the site. At its western end is the events area, a large expanse of paving shaped like a map of Scotland.

As it approaches Scotland's west coast, the canal broadens out and is broken up by "islands" close enough for visitors to hop from one to another. The water area will be higher than in the canal with cascades dropping down into it. At its other end the canal points to the viewing tower which Williams says he regards as "a question mark over the map of Scotland".

The runner-up design by Winter & Farquhar is based on an ocean-going liner, a fo'c'sle, bridge, main deck, promenade deck. Out of project "funnels" housing features as dioramas, displays. Suspended "decks" are netted structures intended to give shelter from Clyde winds and (optionally) filter strong sunlight at the eastern end of the site.

Ian White Associates' placed scheme seeks to give a flavour of different parts of Scotland. It, too, has a pointing towards the viewing tower; it also makes provision for narrow-boats. These give shelter and are among other features those representing various types of water, including hydro-electric power.

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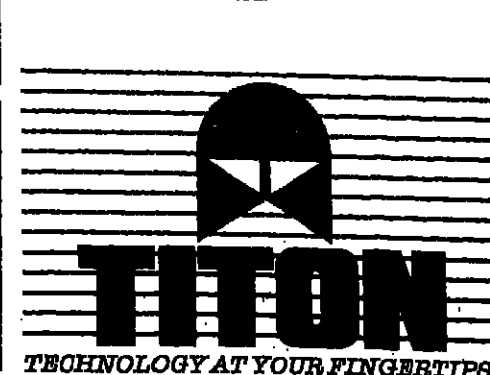
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The complex and exciting projects of Portuguese architect Alvaro Siza are at last beginning to receive international attention. Yehuda Safran visited the new Borges & Irmao bank at Vila do Conde.

PERHAPS the finest moment in human existence is the ability to imagine and formulate either with the unaided mind or with the rudimentarily equipped hand that which can only be realised through the toil of hundreds of men over a space of years.

In the context of the developing landscape of Portugal, Siza's sketchbook is already a legend. An authority is evident in the pages of this inexpensive "cahier" that one would normally associate with a post-factum architectural drawing. Each page is stamped with the mark of time now and always, thought in action.

The recently completed building of the bank in Vila do

Conde is no doubt one of Siza's finest achievements. It is another station on the journey which he began some 30 years ago, with the Boa Nova Tea House in the neighbourhood of Oporto. Inspired as he was then by the architecture of Alvaro Aalto, Siza is now establishing his own work on the same level of complexity and contradiction.

Defying easy categorisation, Siza succeeds in maintaining a dialogue between discrete elements in a constant process of dissolution and reconstitution. He creates an ensemble, a togetherness without which these separate elements could not be perceived.

Relatively autonomous, with its almond-shaped plan — a "curved parallelogram" — the bank in Vila do Conde is

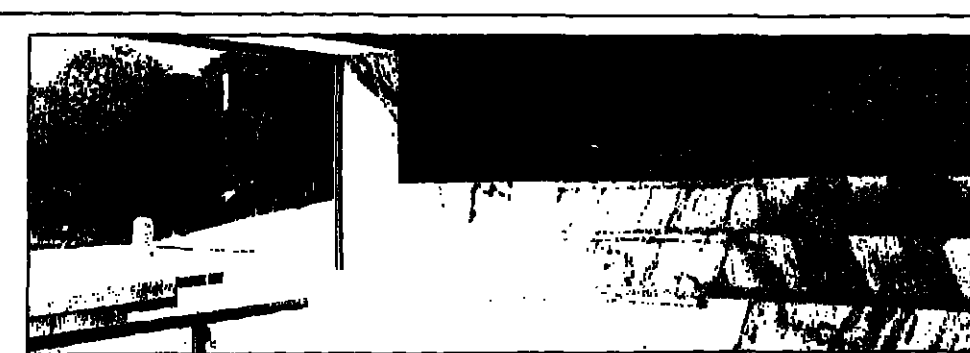
situated on the western fringes of the Continent. It presents itself as a succession of virtual spaces juxtaposed with layers of materials, as though one could peel away one layer to make the other appear and vice versa. In addition, the segmented character of the building intimates a composition and final form achieved thanks to a respect for each and every separate element in its material and conceptual existence. Every element is first acknowledged for being itself before and after its existence in a larger ensemble.

Siza's work is informed by a rich tapestry of time and place that resists categorisation. In the simultaneity of existence his buildings correspond with an apprehension of the meeting point of timelessness and time.

When I asked Siza what was missing from the writing on his work already in existence, he left me this note in reply: "The place where I draw and where I work on my projects is both my home and my exile. Thus the influences I receive come from the air I breathe and nevertheless



Shifting planes at upper level. (By architect Luis Carvalho Gomes.)



Principal public staircase faced in marble.

they determine the possibility of a contrary position. I am more interested in branches than in roots, in the way they descend to the roots and how they transform and depend on the roots. I am not, therefore, eclectic. The thread which links up my work is a resistance, not very visible and not rectilinear."

Notwithstanding the shadows in the cave, Siza's continuous search for clarity responds to contingencies and at the same time transcends them.

Sympathetic to its site the bank is never mimetic. On the contrary, the relative autonomy of its intervention creates a conjunction of motifs that have developed over several years. These may be seen regrouped in very different locations in different ambiances, serving other functions. The bank in Vila do Conde becomes nonetheless welded to its location and succeeds in reproducing the skill of craftsmen in the repetition of details and joinery that make the larger compositions possible. The building thus becomes a motif in itself that may be seen in

another version in The Hague.

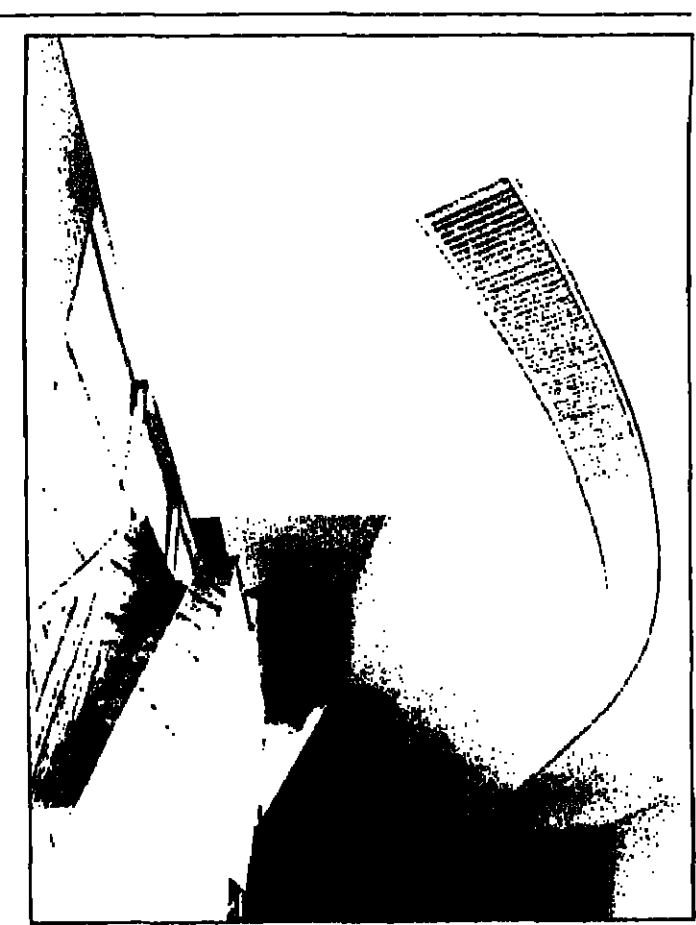
The symmetry of sinuous curves which constitute this complexity can be equalled only by the head of a woman seen full face and in profile in Siza's notebooks. A series of staggered horizontal planes provide Siza not only with a floor below ground level but a series of steps and landings which spiral from the west elevation into the building, through the first floor and out again. These horizontal planes trace a staggered movement from west to east, moving at the same time from below to above. Piercing the transparent glass cladding of the building like light itself, these planes emphasise the membranous quality of the vertical walls.

Siza reaffirms the authority of each element as the carver

respects each block of stone. The pillars and layers of the marble interior reflect the internal architectural movement and relate to the wall as the wall relates to the building externally. With this play of fixity and the fragile in its own materials, the Conde bank mediates between the transience of our own existence and the hills and rivers of the Portuguese landscape.

The bank in Vila do Conde certainly responds to the city but draws its inspiration from nothing that is found in the existing fabric of the city. Vila do Conde is a provincial centre, the seat of local government. It has a small shipyard characterised by an extraordinarily antiquated mode of production. Fishing

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Staircase and ceiling detail.

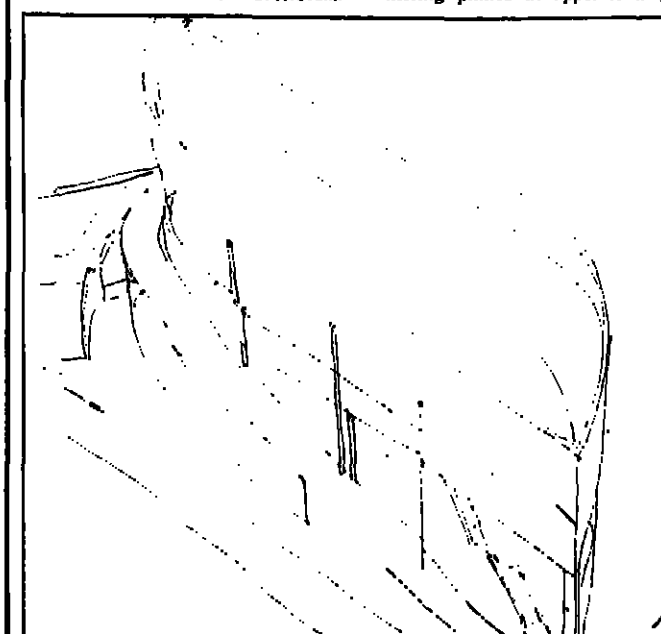


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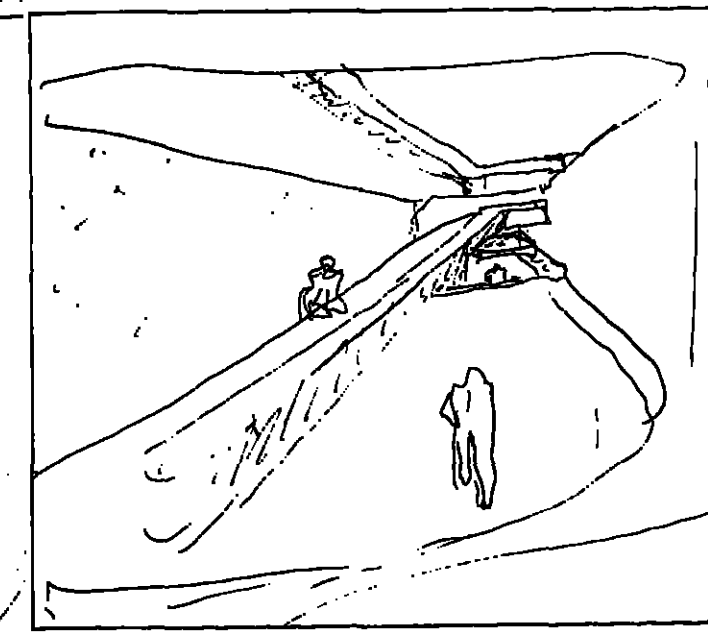
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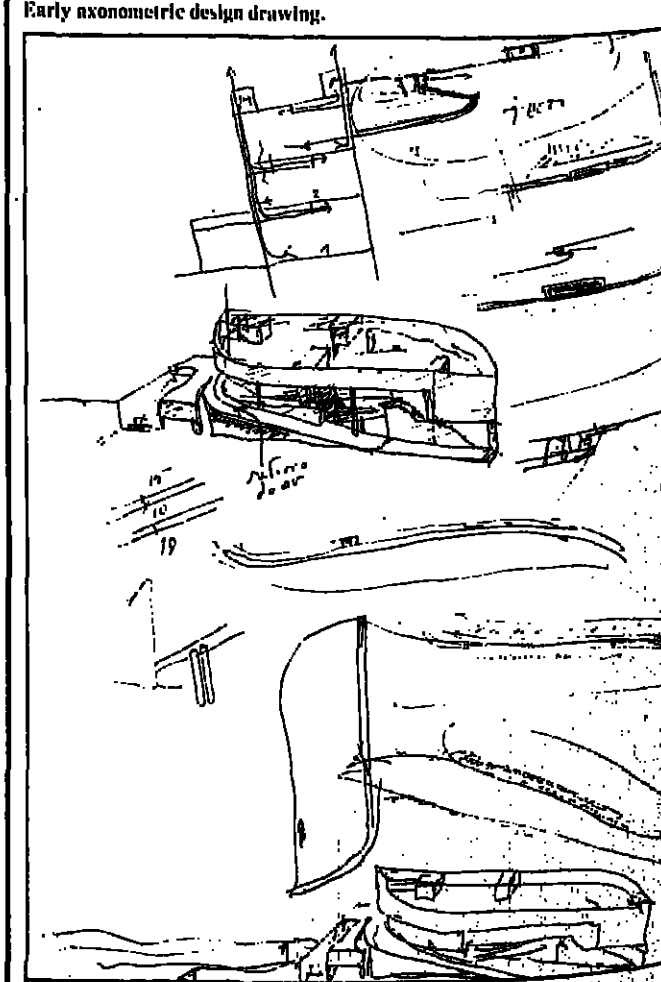
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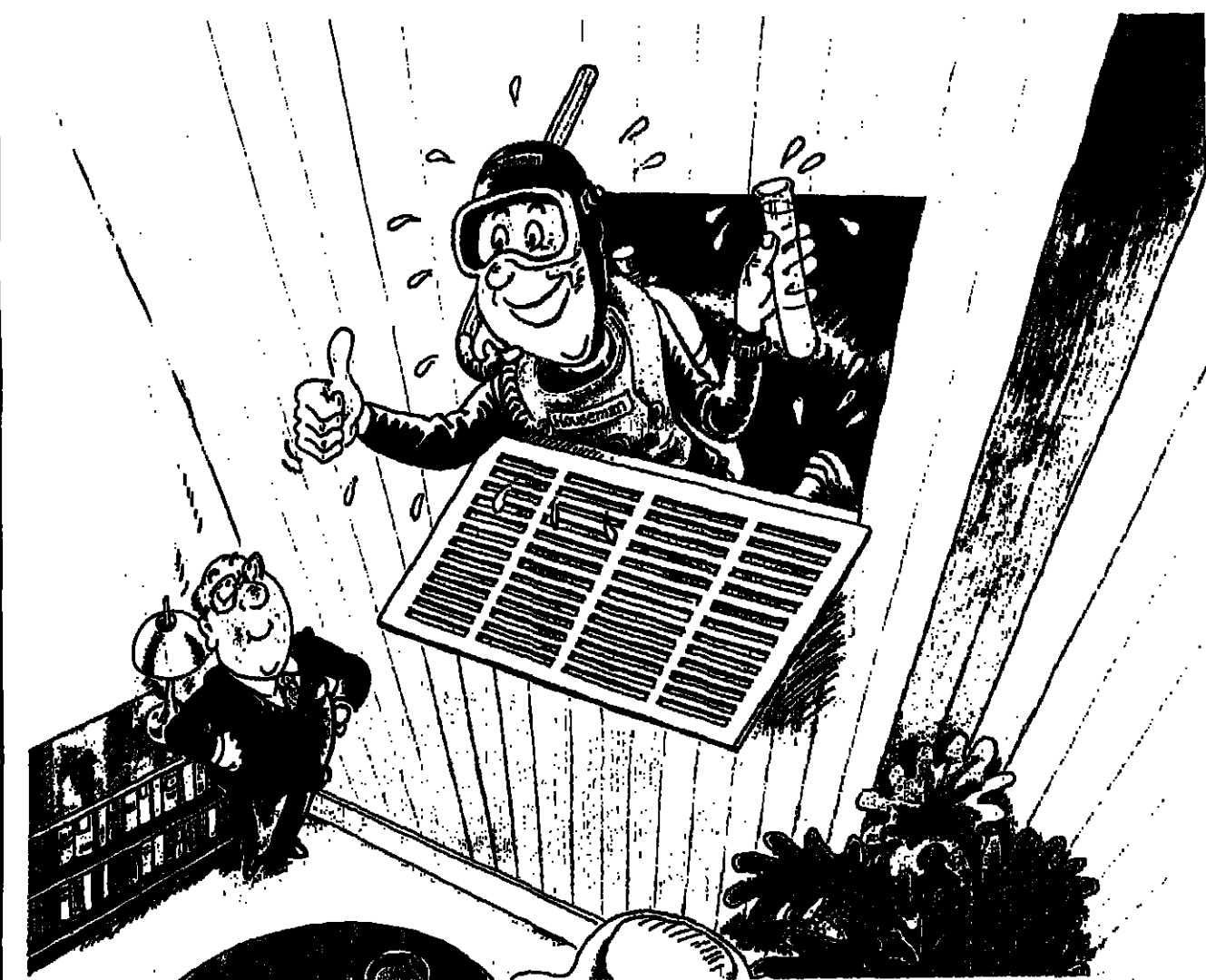
Interior perspective sketch.



Preliminary sketch of the bank.



Life studies with the bank.



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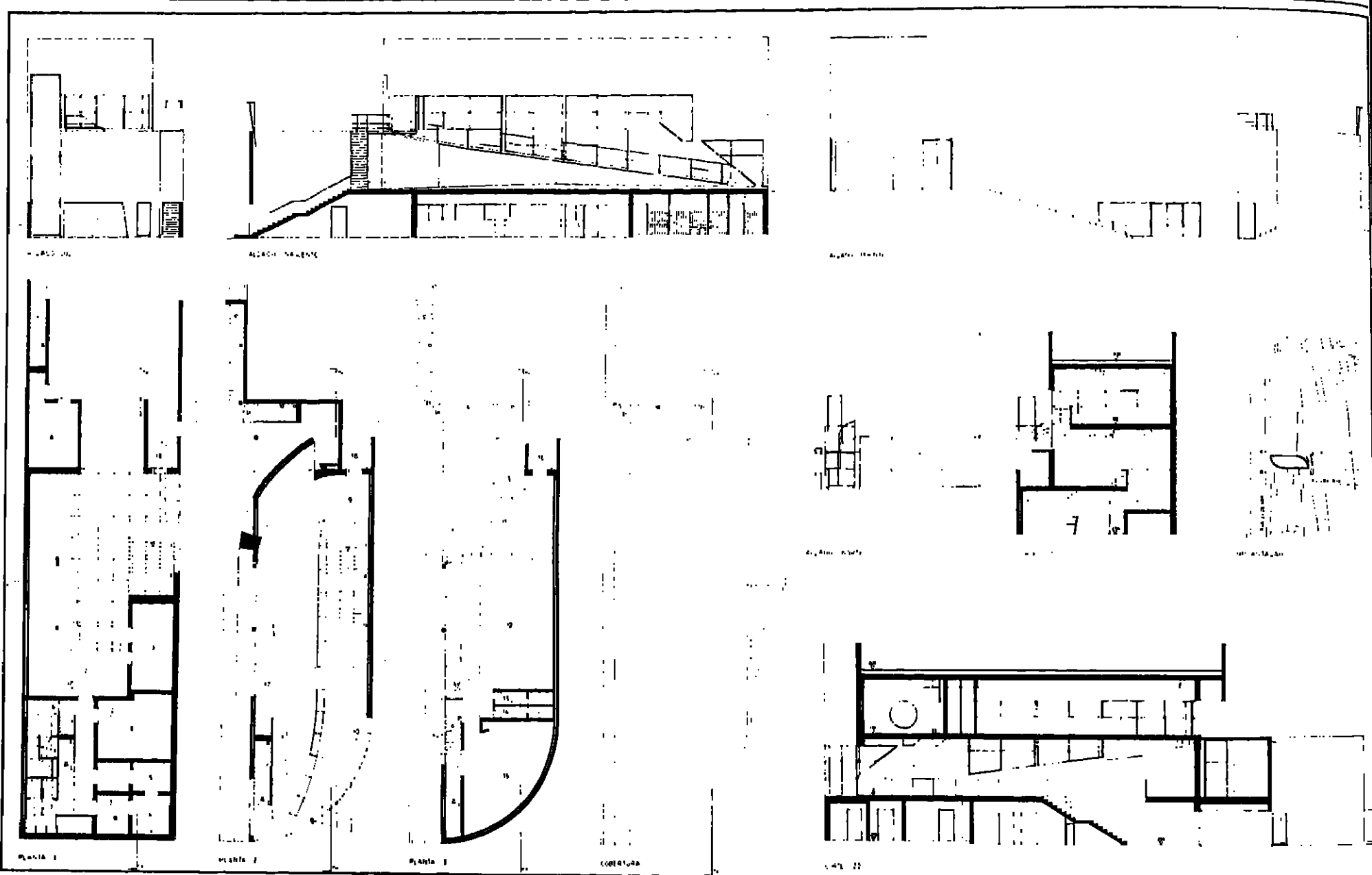
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boards are made of local wood, carved and fitted on the riverside in a manner which has hardly changed in the past 300 years. The previous bank reflected the situation of this relatively simple economy; the new bank reflects the optimism of a society slowly waking from its colonial slumbers.

Siza postulates not what the city and its bank are, but what they could be. He wrote: "No place is a desert: I can always be one of its inhabitants. A site is valued for what it is and for what it can or is to be — two things which are perhaps opposite but never unrelated."

Following the Second World War, Portugal, unlike the rest of Europe, did not have a period of reconstruction in the same sense that this term acquired elsewhere. Portugal was devastated not by war but by its own political order which inflicted institutionalised neglect. The iron grip of dictatorship did indeed restore a stable monetary system, but was consistently unable to generate wealth or

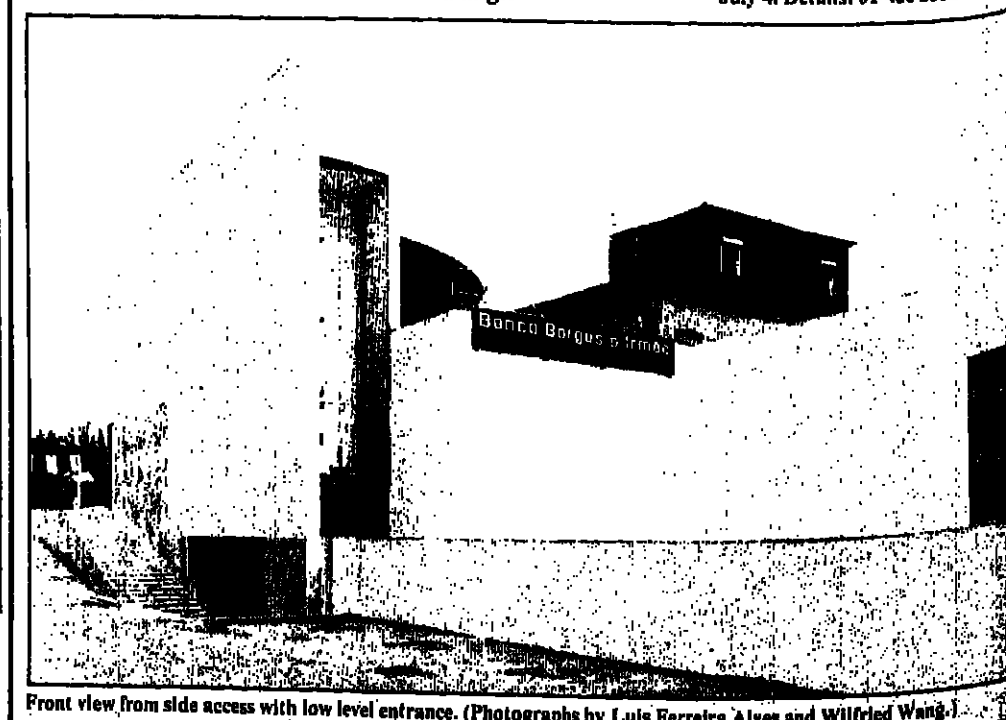
increase the country's productive capacities.

Siza's work is rooted not in a regional tradition at large so much as in the tradition which has recently become known as the "Oporto school": a school with its teachers and following, with its own reference points. From this school Siza's mentor, Tavora, secured him his first commission at the age of 21: the Bon Nova Tea House (1958-1963). Exemplary in its successful assimilation of Aalto's oeuvre, it also established vital contact with local craftsmanship. Siza's unusual pre-occupation with the proportion of the visible set against an invisible geometry is also found in the series of swimming pools which followed the Tea House. Gradually this became a form of "built criticism", employing alternative strains in order to renew or reform intrinsic values and meanings.

Siza's work, then, may be viewed as a series of formal, material and climatic elements, together with cultural inclinations. These seem to be re-negotiated at every junction. Transformations lead from the dissolution of inherent structures and applied procedures to a new synthesis linked to a recent European past.

Although "no part is independent", his works have little to do with the aesthetics of unended constructions or with the belief in open work. They are connected rather with the un-nerving possibility of the unfinished, with the obstacles which "I do not manage to overcome".

An exhibition of drawings, sketches and photographs of the Vila do Conde bank and the flats at Schlesisches Tor in Berlin is at the 9th Gallery, 26-28 Cramer Street, London W1, until July 4. Details: 01-486 3555.



Front view from side access with low level entrance. (Photographs by Luis Ferreira Alves and Wilfried Wang.)

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Exhibitions

IT is difficult not to be captivated by the visual splendour of both the setting and the material which this exhibition offers.

Both the severe brick walls of the Curia (the old Roman courthouse between Cortona's San Luca & Martina and the Basilica Emilia's ruins in the Foro Romano) and the airy rooms at the French Academy, looking on one side onto one of the finest Renaissance gardens of Rome and on the other onto the Spanish Steps, seemed to annihilate time and space.

At the Curia westwood on more or less the same space drawn in the exhibits, where at times one had the uneasy feeling of being presented with a Disney-like representation of the surrounding past, while at Villa Medici we trod the same floors the pensionnaires did during their studies.

Moreover, the graphic exhibits are unlike any which the contemporary fashionable architectural drawings have accustomed us to. The drawings are superbly crafted; colouring techniques and rendering having been perfected before the architects arrived in Rome, at the yearly competitions which the Beaux Arts didactic system required and during the gruel-

The Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris is hosting an exhibition of drawings of ancient Rome carried out by French architects between 1788 and 1924. Micha Bandini saw the show in its original setting at the Curia and Villa Medici in Rome.

ling process of selection which required of the recipient of the coveted Prix de Rome as much physical stamina as it did technical and compositional ability.

Neil Levine, in his exhaustive article on *The competition for the Grand Prix in 1824: a case study in architectural education at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in the 19th-century French architecture* (Thames and Hudson 1982) described both this process and the expected social background of pensionnaires when he wrote: "...the Ecole des Beaux-Arts was the training ground for France's architectural civil service, and the winners of the Grand Prix were primed to fill the top bureaucratic positions. Throughout most of the century they averaged between 25% and

27 years of age. After five years of further study in Italy, under the guidance of the Académie, they returned to Paris to begin careers in government service. Most of the professors at the Ecole and most of the teachers of important ateliers were drawn from their ranks. Most important buildings in Paris or the provinces were entrusted to this elite corps of designers, as for example, were the Paris Opera, the Central Markets (Les Halles), the Bibliothèque Nationale, the Palais de Justice, La Trinité, the Petit Palais, the Sorbonne, as well as the Galerie des Machines."

While this elite group was in Paris already provided with very good didactic material (the Ecole possessed a collection of architectural models and ample bibliographic sources) it was at

the academy in Rome that they found the best working conditions: the most relevant library, an archaeological course and the possibility of taking part in excavations.

But it was on this archaeological emphasis which much of the polemic and many of the pensionnaires were to focus upon. While there was no shortage of unstudied Classical subjects for the first years and while there was an equal balance of expertise between the architects and archaeologists (with the former seeing themselves in possession of the key of knowledge through their graphic abilities to transmit the state of the monument), by the time most of the interesting monuments of the Classical period had been studied, the archaeologists were abandoning their

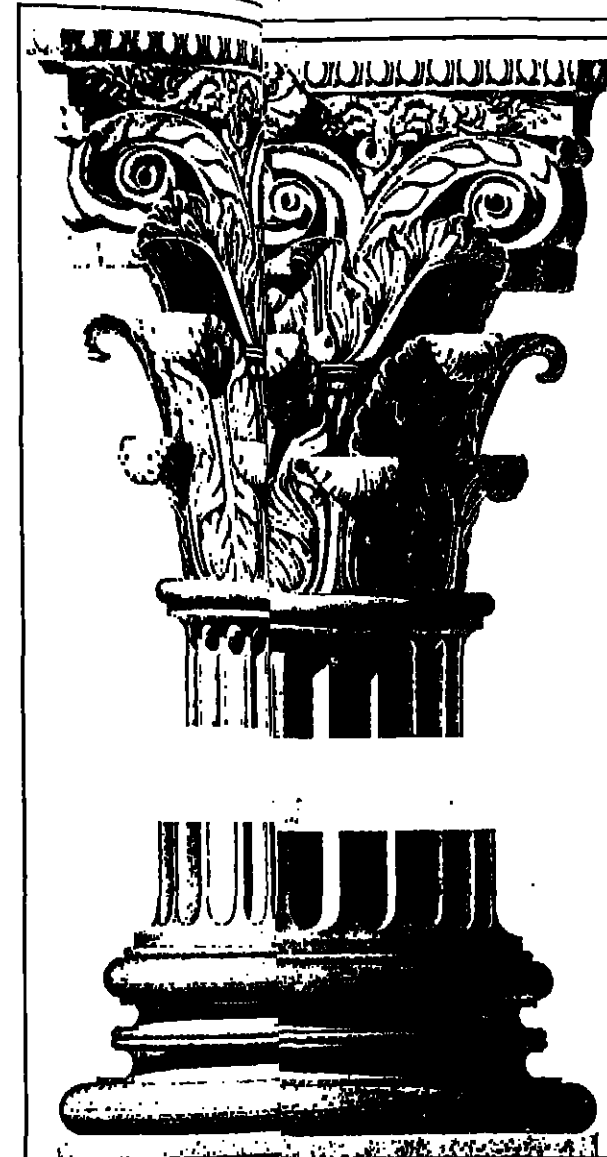
antiquarian outlook in order to become more scientifically specialised and thus more threatening.

Some of the pensionnaires' envois clearly reflect these difficulties. M.C. Moyaux is the first to feel uneasy about his subject when writing the report accompanying the drawings for the Tabularium and the surrounding monuments. There, in order to justify his personal stylistic reconstruction, he laments the lack of scientific expertise among the specialists — a very similar argument to the one used by Julien Guadet both in the report for his envoi and later on, when as a professor of architectural theory at L'Ecole des Beaux Arts he said: "Archaeology, this is the enemy!"

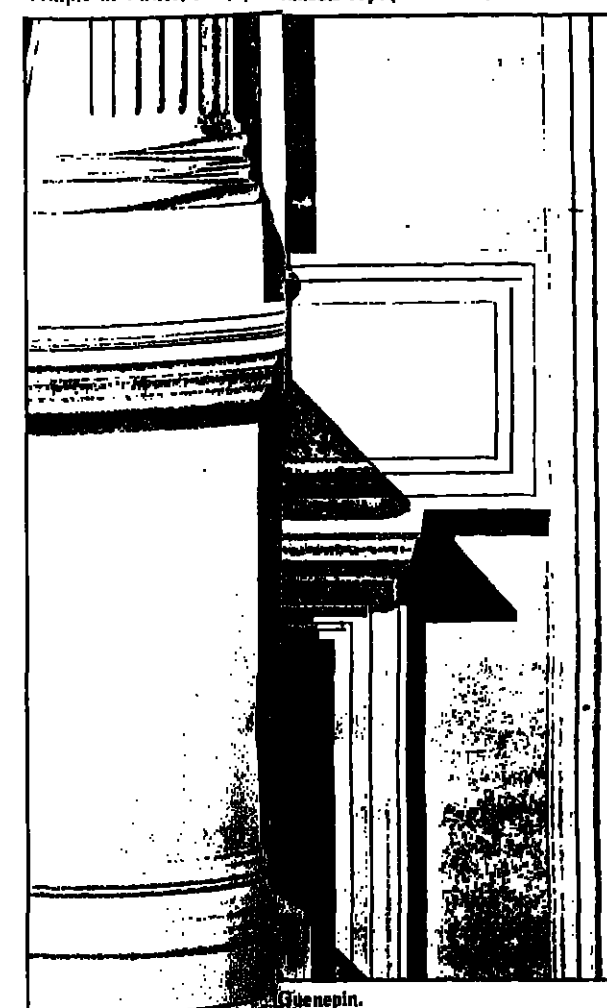
Notwithstanding these polemical stands, which started arising only after the second part of the 18th century, for about two centuries the major milieu of formation of that professional elite Levine was referring to remained the studying of ancient Roman monuments, the drawing of their condition and the rendering of their hypothetical reconstruction, which the pensionnaires backed up by the scientific evidence presented in the accompanying report.

The years at the academy were also spent in elaborating some of the architectural theories which played such a large part in the symbolic needs of the building programme of the French government. Such theories were to be derived from studies of ancient monuments, which is not surprising in view of a tradition which considered that, since the 15th century, every elevated young man aspiring to be cultured should travel to Italy and Greece, as should artists who needed to learn from primary evidence the sources of their tradition. This was the reason the French Academy was founded in Rome in 1663. This was the reason the recipient of the award could spend years studying the Antique and reading and verifying archaeological sources. This was the laboratory that was to provide what was to be thought about or built in France later on.

It is a pity that the otherwise well-produced publication does not open up this aspect, nor does it indicate the relationship between the work conducted for the envois within this geographical area with that of those studying monuments of other areas. If it did we would have been able to compare the envoi



Temple of Castor, 1816, by J. J. Guadet (1783-1861).



Details from the Arch of Titus by J. M. Guadet.



Details from the Arch of Titus by J. M. Guadet.

of Henry Labrousse, (missing from this collection presumably because he studied Paestum, not Rome), with that of Louis-Joseph Duc and Leon Vaudoyer, here present, who, with Duban, formed that group of romantic radicals who questioned the appropriateness of an uncritical transferring of Classical orders to France and further, using a more scientific basis, that polemic for Classical polychromy which Hickoff developed in his book *L'Architecture Polychrome chez les Grecs*.

Duc's envoi, spectacularly placed at the centre of the Villa Medici's section, was one of the most ambitious both for the choice of the theme and for the quantity and quality of the drawings prepared. So much so that the examiners, usually very strict with time's requirements, did not penalise him for either finishing late or for the lack of a report. Duc having chosen to include instead the booklet accompanying Luc-Angeli's model of the Colosseum already owned by L'Ecole in Paris.

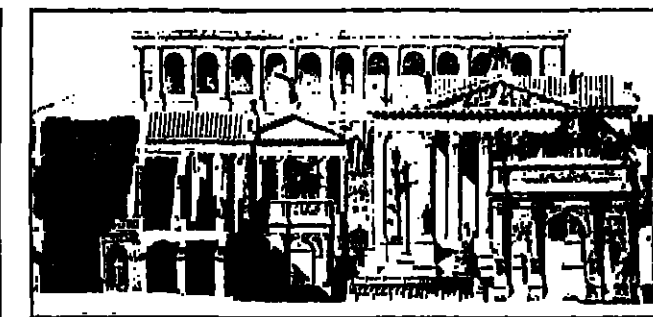
Duc's analysis, based on the geometrical rules of projective geometry, allows him to decompose the building into its primary compositional elements, thus constructing a theoretical inductive hypothesis of their assemblage. From this the reconstruction starts by composing the building again as if it were made by serial parts.

The implications of this method are more important than the mere satisfaction of bureaucratic requirements, for they constitute a cultural statement which on one hand implicitly validates those experiments in conservation which reconstruct the building, and on the other open the way to the use of models and archetypal forms in Classical architecture.

Duc's professional career shows the same careful manipulation of formal elements. The capital for La Colonne de Juillet, a monument erected in Paris to commemorate the victims of the revolution of 1830, becomes one of the romantic reassessments of the Classical past, while the restoration and enlargement of the Paris Palais de Justice, a building which had to satisfy two stern critics, Viollet le Duc and Napoleon III, was proclaimed as the best building designed under Napoleon's reign.

The envoi of Duc's friend Leon Vaudoyer, second in a dynasty of four architects, the

Exhibitions



Reconstruction of monuments of the Campidoglio, by A. N. Normand.

This, then, is what was disappointed in the work of Level, Normand and Guadet. Their reconstructions of the Forums focused on subjects that the current taste considered decadent and being based on less evidence than customary, leaving personal interpretation to take over.

The years which separate Vaudoyer's envoi from that of Evill (1836), Normand (1850) and Guadet (1867) are the ones in which that change of attitude on the relationship between architects and archaeologists takes place, which can be seen in the change in the appearance of the envois.

Normand's gouaches appear more vividly coloured than those of the previous generation, his use of chiaroscuro more impressionistic (any connection with parallel develop-

ments in painting in France?) his statue of Vespasianus almost redolent with malice and certainly far away from the Olympic serenity expressed by previous renderings of Roman statues. Perhaps an indication of the taste of the future architect of the Maison Pompidou, that brilliant polychromatic neo-grec building in Avenue Montaigne in Paris, for which Napoleon III preferred Normand to Hittorff?

But it is Jacques Carlu's envoi, chronologically the last among all of those exhibited, which really gives us the measure of how time and taste had changed.

The future designer of the monumental Palais de Chaillot for the 1937 Paris Exhibition and protagonist of Beaux Arts ideas at MIT where he became

professor of design in 1924, chose the centre of Rome from the seventh to the eleventh century as topic of study, a reasonably safe one, which by then had been accurately investigated by the archaeologists.

But by then the ritual of the envois had become just a formality and while one enjoys the colouring ability of Carlu one can't help feeling that one is being presented with a cartoon for a Cecil B. De Mille set rather than a scientific study of those Classical models which were to form the urban structure of France for more than two centuries.

This is also the value of this exhibition. Not only does it present an accurate record of the state of archaeological excavations, some of which were irredeemably altered afterwards, but also it shows the changing attitudes towards the authority of tradition and history with respect to contemporary design. Thus the exhibition should be seen as the beautiful testimony of a cultural sensibility as much as the faithful witness of scientific knowledge.

"Roma Antiqua" is at the Ecole Nationale des Beaux-Arts, Paris, until July 13.



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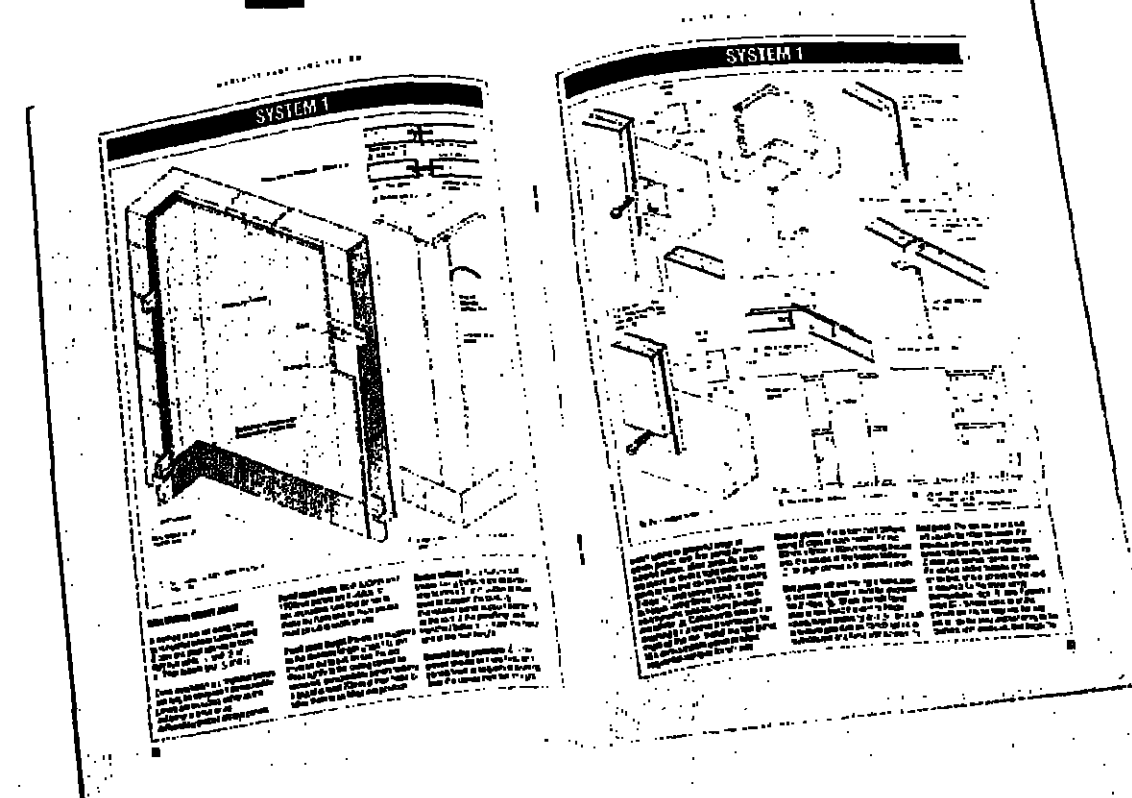
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Architect preview

The second ArchiteX exhibition takes place in London's Barbican Centre next week, June 25-27. Here we preview the show with an article by Mike Franks on the slow progress of architects moving into the property world. On the

PROPERTY AND ARCHITECTURE

following pages we show some of the work of architectural practices who are represented at the exhibition. ArchiteX is taking place in conjunction with the Property & Construction Management Exhibition.

PLANNING law defines development as "the material change in the use or appearance of land". Broadly speaking this makes most people "developers" — sooner or later.

I much prefer this broad definition to the much more selective meaning that seems to prevail. The mystique surrounding this most ordinary of subjects has created armed camps with crude and simplistic notions of their opponents' work. The collapse of the property market in 1973-74 owed much to this naive division and the opposition to "developers" still makes for easy slogans in the mouths of community groups and their professional advocates.

I would be the last person to applaud much of the work of property speculators, but even the concept of speculation needs much more careful examination.

In the last decade, the need to adapt rapidly to changing circumstances has caused more people to move across the great divide between reactive and proactive response to urban change. At present, much of the community initiative in this field comes from those who have already cut their teeth on housing schemes and now see the need to be involved in employment-creating development.

This changing focus is a reflection of local authority priorities and the emergence of new spending departments — principally industrial development. City and metropolitan county authorities have sponsored new initiatives which bring new partners into the development process. Architects have played a role in this but in most cases, serious misconceptions about the nature of risk-taking distort their work. The public sector is notoriously bad at negotiations involving combinations of money at risk and social or aesthetic purpose. The architectural and planning professions seem to reflect this weakness.

My hackles rise when I enter the RIBA and there is a profound feeling of betrayal. Why are the profession that I trained for and the skills I most value held in such little esteem by the public at large? Is it because the architectural profession has somehow detached itself from the basic priorities of the real world? Why does the ability to contribute so much to the human environment turn into such a narrow concern for physical form and a rather unworlly view of the everyday issues of trade and exchange?

With so many unresolved questions, it is not surprising that architects are somewhat ambiguous when it comes to their involvement in "development". Maybe this is unfair. In trying to reconcile two seemingly opposing factors — economic considerations and quality — members of the profession may be addressing vital issues that others prefer to ignore. Whatever the explanation, there must be better ways to address the question of development than the way the RIBA goes about it.

The RIBA showed its lack of perception in this important field at its recent conference entitled "The architect as developer", particularly in the paper commissioned from a student by the conference fund which was truly appalling and mercifully was ignored by the delegates.

Something on the City

THE ArchiteX organisers are planning a series of seminars, one on each of the three days of the exhibition. The theme places special emphasis on issues relating to the proposed development of Canary Wharf and other opportunities in Docklands, comments on the Big Bang in the City due this autumn, and discusses the new City plan.

Canary Wharf, possibly the largest single development proposed in Britain, has had a strikingly short gestation period and already enjoys the full backing of the London Docklands Development Corporation, an authority freed from many of the planning restrictions which can hamper developments in other parts of the country.

The first seminar, on June 25, is entitled "Property and the communications revolution: the Canary fly?" where issues relating to Canary Wharf will be discussed. Speakers at the seminar are: Andrew Derbyshire of RMJM, who is chairman of the LDDC planning

committee; and Scott Lowry, a director of the Canary Wharf Development Company. Last December the City of London unveiled its new plan for the pattern of development in the City of London for the next 10 years.

But why is the plan so radically different from an earlier draft? The change of heart, which will allow substantially more commercial development in the Square Mile to the inevitable dismay of conservationist interests, is the proposed development in the Docklands which looks set to dwarf the City, both physically and commercially.

David Hall, LDDC property director, and Tony Grant of surveyors Grant & Partners, will be speaking at the second seminar on June 26. Entitled "Docklands — opportunity knocks", the seminar will discuss the latest trends and opportunities.

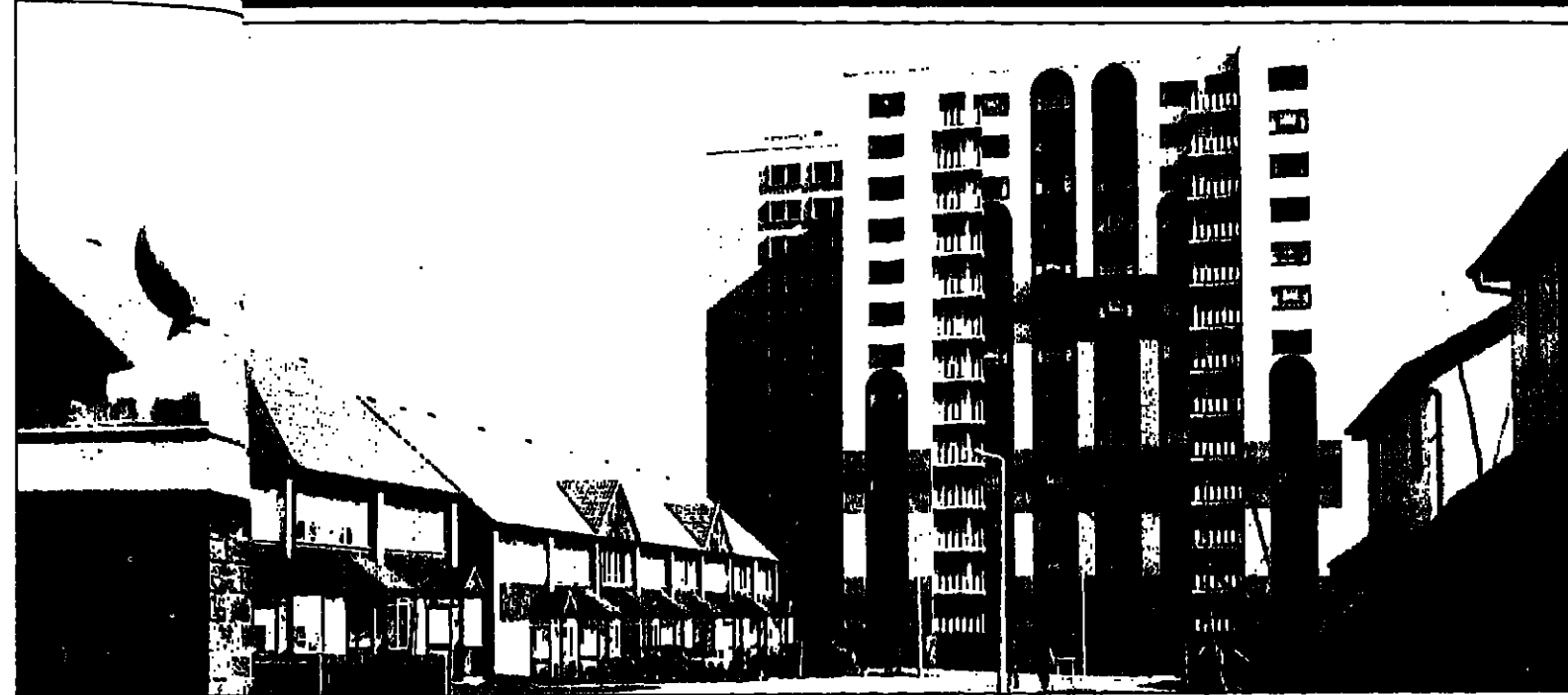
The Big Bang due this autumn, which removes many of the restrictions on how the City operates and is designed to consolidate

London's position as one of the world's three financial centres, has been the catalyst for much of the development activity in London.

The anticipated increase in demand for office space is more than the City can accommodate at present. On plot ratios and the complicated system by which City densities are decided, there will be a considerable rationalisation which will significantly increase potential for expansion of office space in response to demand.

"The City — new future, new plan" is the third seminar, on June 27, which will look at the development opportunities in different parts of the City. The speaker is Peter Wynne Rees, controller of planning for the City of London.

All three seminars will be chaired by Pete Murray, publisher of *Blueprint*, and take place at 12.30pm. They are by invitation only. If you would like to attend, contact Jackie Hart, Marketeer, 01-749 9531.



Urban renewal on the Woodgreenhead. Architects were Brock Carmichael Associates of Liverpool, who are exhibiting at the ArchiteX exhibition.

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Notwithstanding having initiated 25 schemes (while being registered with Arcol) there was no mention of my work at the conference. This is a bit naughty as my group of companies (Regeneration) turned over £10 million in seven years and created more than 3,500 jobs. We acted as professional enablers for British Steel at Clyde Works and five other steel-closure area schemes. We designed and built the Toxteth New Enterprise Workshops and the Bristol New Enterprise Centre for British American Tobacco, did the same for the London Enterprise Agency at Brunel Street, Spitalfields — for the Port of London Authority at Cannon Workshops in the Isle of Dogs Enterprise Zone — and for Tommy Steel in Hermondey at Trinity Business Centre.

Maybe, like many others, I have been getting on with development rather than writing about it. This is not sour grapes — it is a concern with the demystification of the development process. There is a danger of creating myths around what is merely common sense. Even in 1977 it seemed to me that those reading about architects in development might believe that there were only a select few god-like creatures who had done it all instead of recognising "an idea whose time has come". My own inclination would be to celebrate the ordinary nature of what we have all been doing and the logic of having more people join in the process.

The whole question of professional risk-taking seems to produce highly ambiguous responses, at least in the RIBA's hallowed halls. Confusion seems to exist about the role architects can play. This becomes particularly acute when addressing the issue of profit. One could almost believe that the old divisions of Right

and Left were the only criteria by which to judge achievement. If a risk-taking venture paid off, the spectre of property speculation seems to haunt community advisers...

The mere fact that there could be a separate trend calling itself "community" architecture contains an aggressive and somewhat offensive notion. Those who chose to work in or with public authorities made the commitment to the democratic availability of their skills to all communities in their area. Why should some new form of fundamentalism claim a monopoly of involvement in communities?

Professional enabling from the bottom up has been an everyday part of many architects' and planners' lives, practised in the normal (and all too frequently disregarded) work of local government. Some members of the community architecture movement appear intent on substituting their work for that of several local government departments, rather than offering partnerships. In this, a concern for local democracy may unwittingly help central government to further dismantle local government.

Community architecture is hitting the headlines a decade after Community Development, but so far they have not joined together. I believe "not-for-profit" agencies for area renewal will soon emerge, looking for partnership roles with more traditional developers and local authorities.

So far, only the big private companies are joining together with central government assistance to renew the better parts of the run-down areas. User directed development is a rarity, but the precedents are there and some lessons could be learned from America in this respect.

Beating a cycle of deprivation

Former environment secretary Michael Heseltine calls for inner-city revitalisation in the foreword to the ArchiteX catalogue.

ARCHITECTS and planners have a pivotal role to play in the Britain we are building for tomorrow. Virgin sites of course have an appeal. But restoration and adaptation of old areas to new uses is just as — and perhaps even more — rewarding. The mixed micro-economy of the new towns can be restored to the inner cities, and it is this "new towns from old" philosophy which I wish to urge.

Of course, no group can achieve such a renaissance as I envisage on its own. Public and private sectors must work hand in hand to defeat this cycle of deprivation and bring innovation and new life to the stress areas. The public purse must lead the way and offer the initial financial incentives necessary to encourage the private sector. But the private sector needs to be receptive and ready, with new ideas, design ideas, development ideas, based on local knowledge, of local people, their skills and their needs.

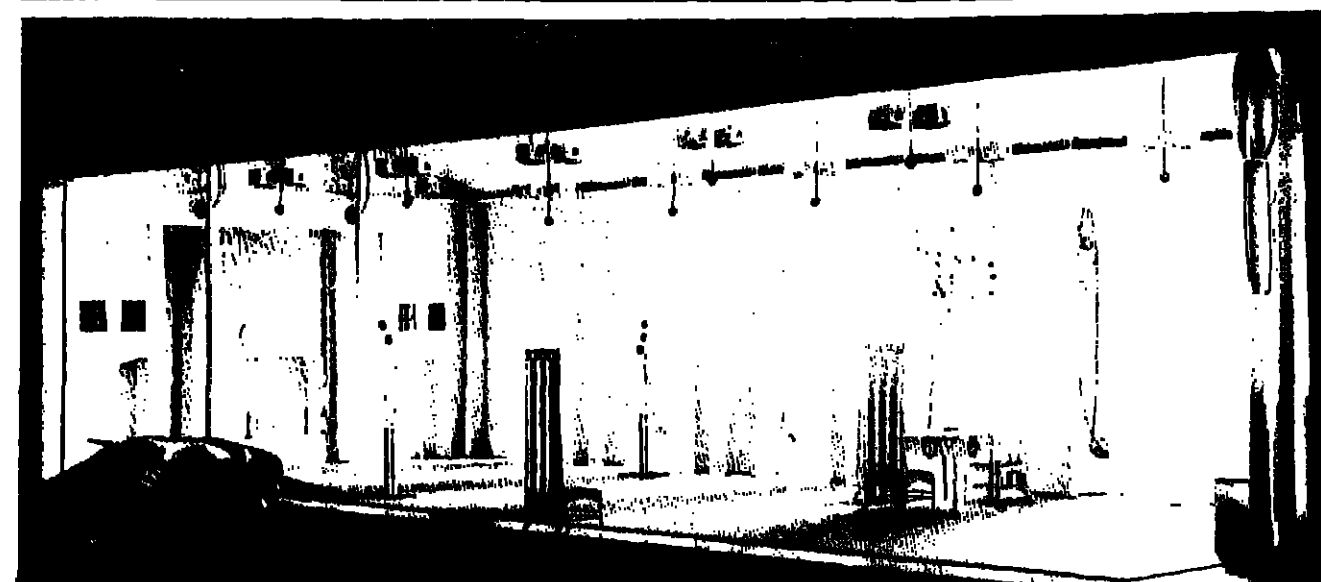
I would like to see development trusts established within urban areas, each with the support of its own local authority and the private sector, and tailor-made to design solutions to the problems of the particular area in which they operate. I would want these

trusts enabled to issue tax-exempt bonds to provide long-term financing at low rates of interest, similar to job creation in the USA. And as part of a comprehensive programme, some form of rate-free holiday could be provided. Furthermore, I would like to see the Government release more of the capital receipts generated by the sale of council houses to assist such projects. More of these funds should go back into the local communities they came from.

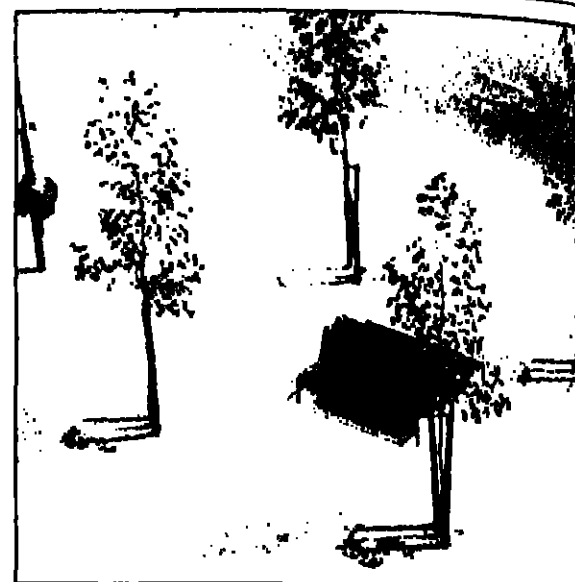
There would need to be an overall umbrella for these schemes. A National Urban Renewal Agency, based on the successful models of the Scottish and Welsh development agencies or the development corporations in Merseyside and the London Docklands, would be required to oversee the mobilisation of funds and co-ordination of schemes within each area.

The design role is a vital one in all this. Imagination and vision are just as crucial as finance and co-ordination. Each without the other will never bear fruit. Tomorrow's harvest, good or bad, depends on us all, politician and planner, designer and developer, banker and businessman. In partnership we can make our inner cities rise again.

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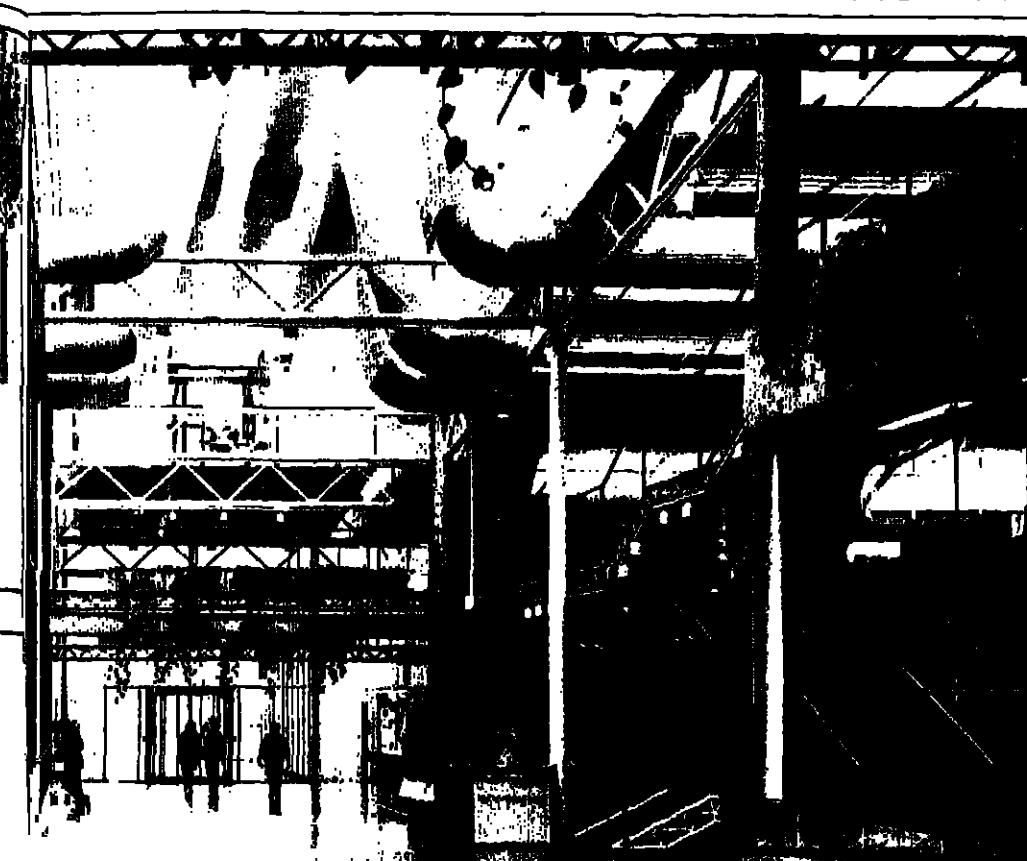
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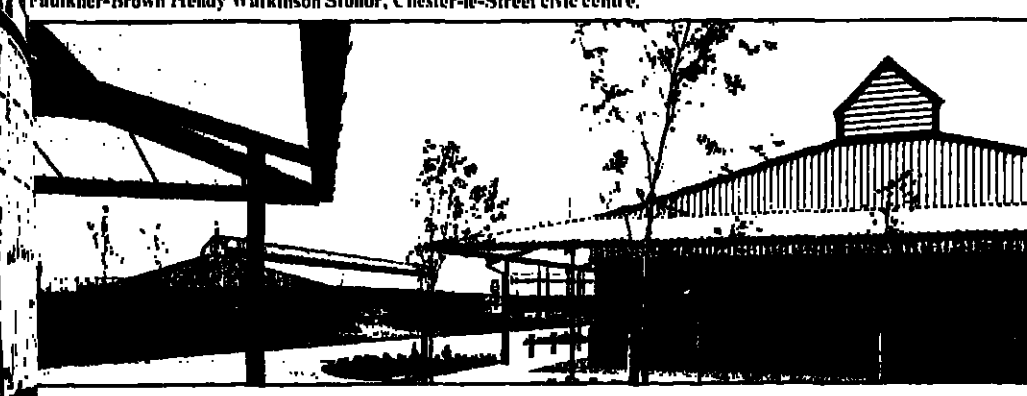
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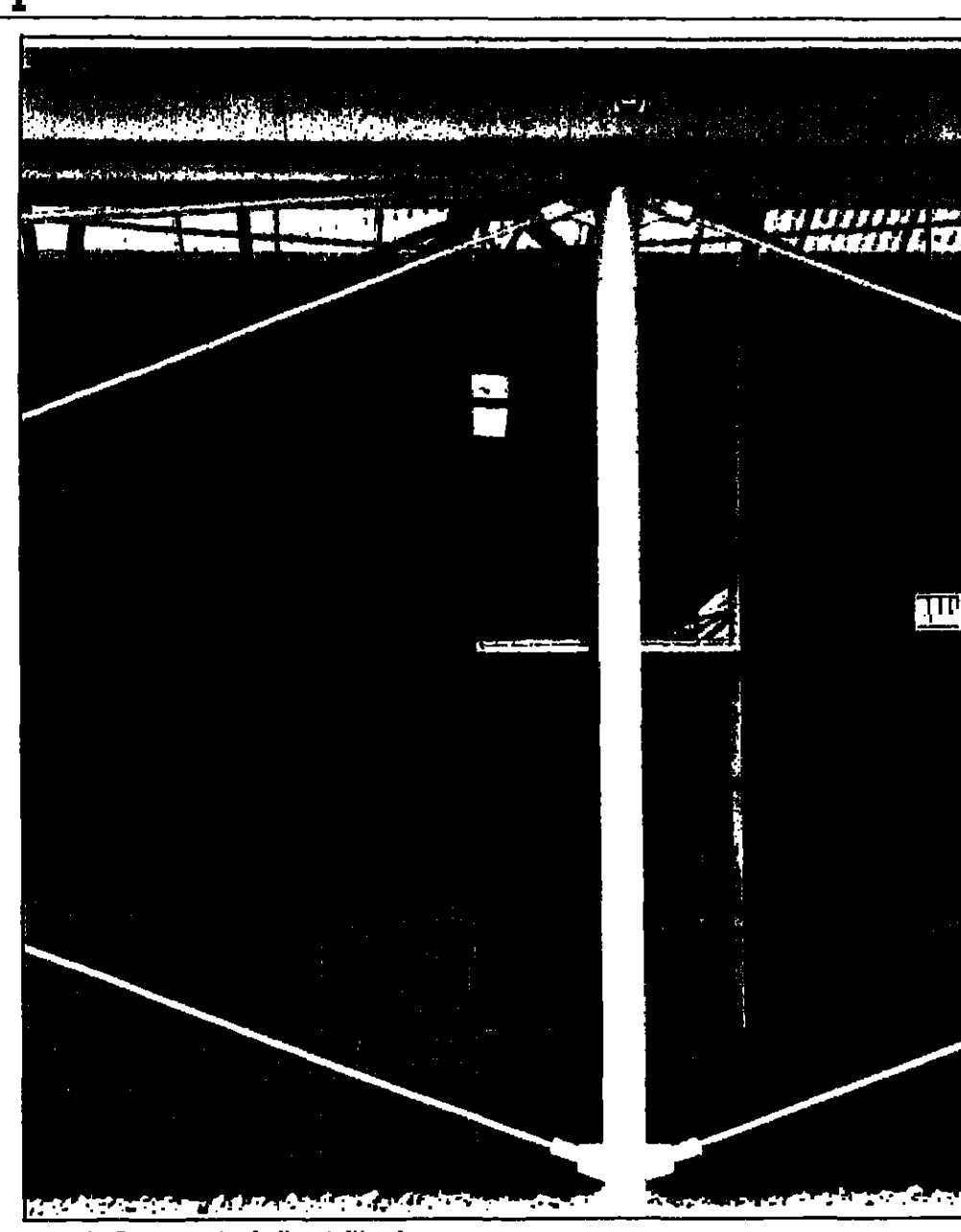
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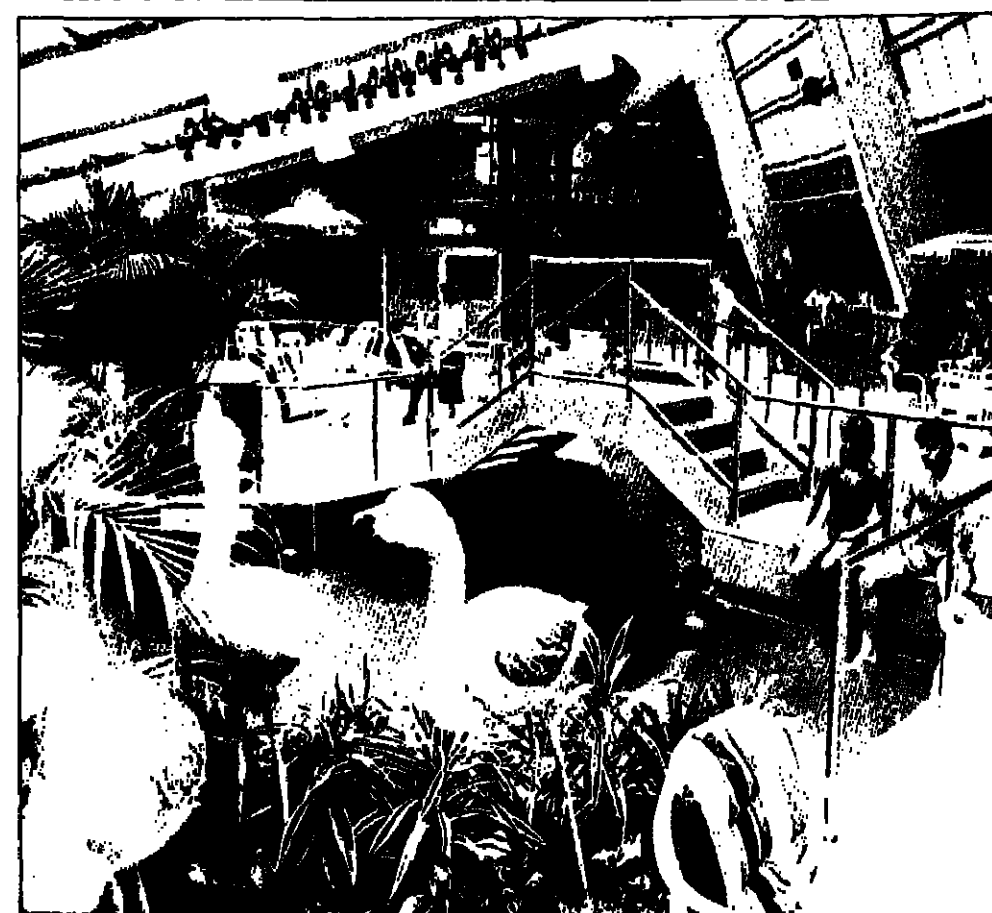
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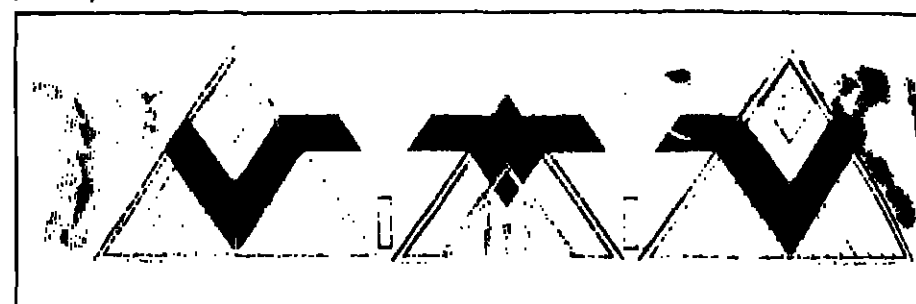
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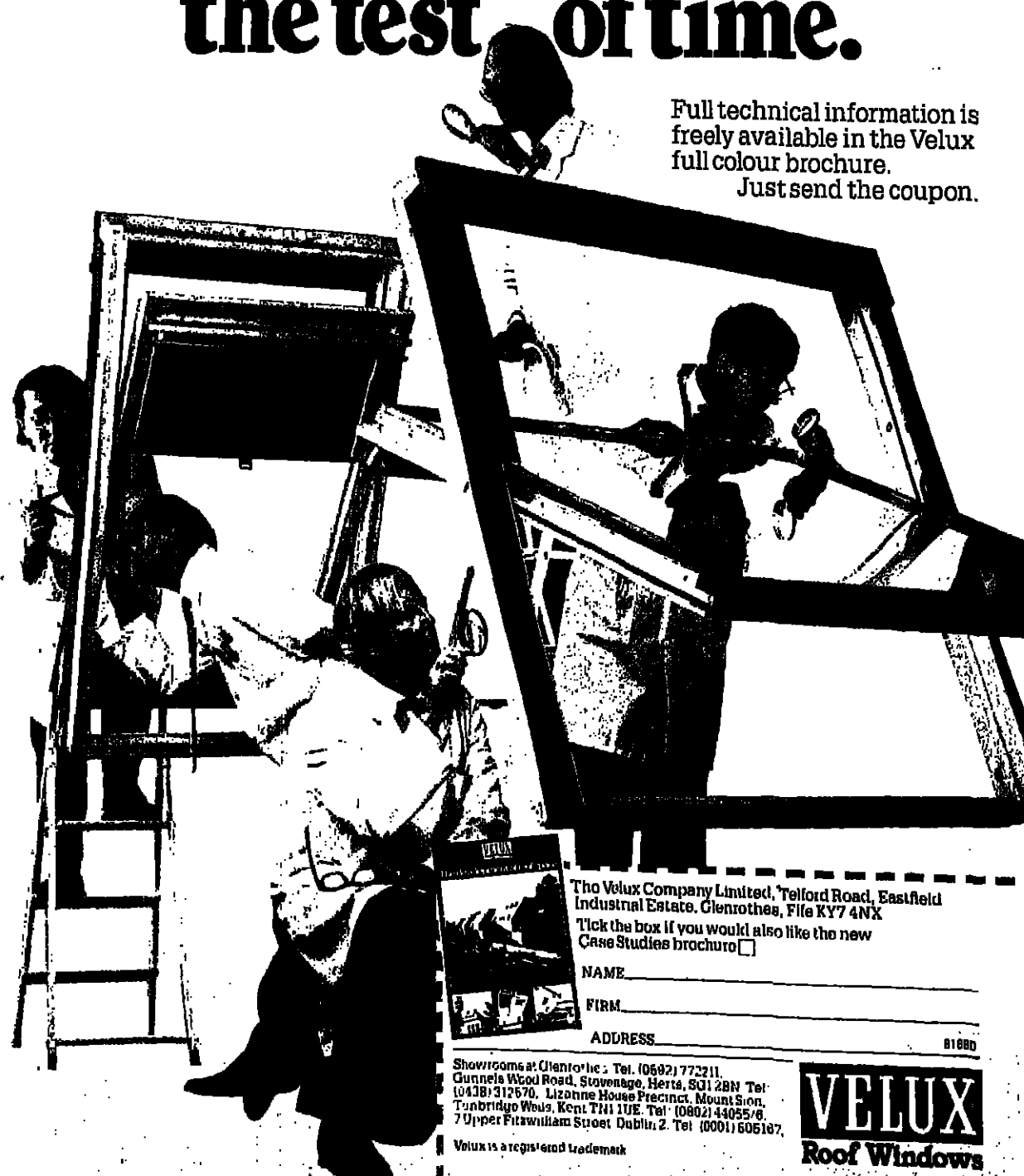
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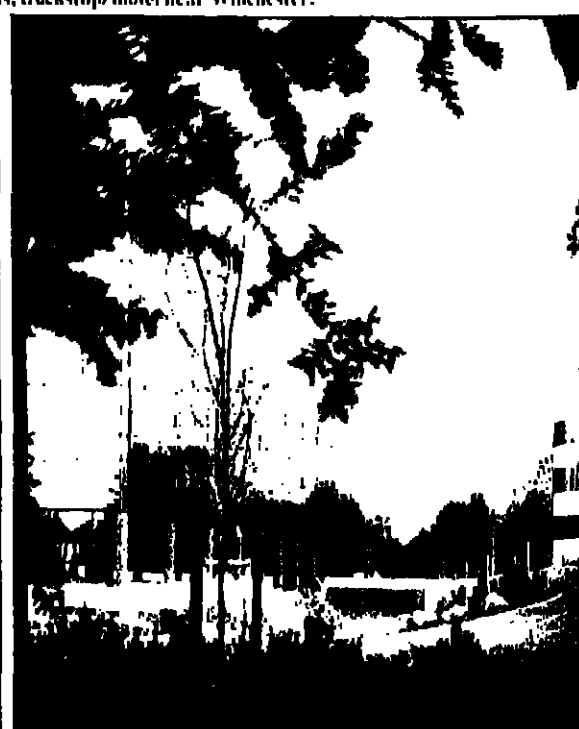
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By Richard Twinch

Cadcam in practice, A J Medland and Piers Burnet (Kogan Page £7.95).

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At first sight the book may appear geared more towards the mechanical engineer than the architect. This reflects the expertise of the authors: A J Medland is professor in the department of engineering and management systems at Brunel University and Piers Burnet is a freelance writer. The book escapes the limitations of jargon (with occasional exceptions) while containing a great deal of experienced advice and detailed technical descriptions. There is a good eight-page glossary and thorough index for cross referencing purposes. For architects the (admittedly) "Starter List" of suppliers of turnkey systems contains some notable omissions. Most of the illustrations and anecdotes relate to engineering applications and where buildings are shown they are very rudimentary.

It would, however, be a mistake to be put off by this emphasis on engineering. Engineers have been using computers for detailed design and manufacture for 20 years and many of the hard learned lessons are valuable across the board, particularly on the management aspects.

The book naturally divides into two; the first half describing the technicalities, ie hardware, software, 2D and 3D modelling etc, and the second half the managerial questions and problems. Good though the first half is, it is the second that encapsulates and expresses real knowledge of the mechanisms involved in justifying and choosing a suitable system. The management side is certainly the area architects need to pay most attention to, technicalities follow later.

Ideas are codified as general "rules". These include:

- (a) It takes at least six months for a new system to settle in and become productive.
- (b) Cost benefits appear over a period of time (two-three years).
- (c) Many benefits of using CAD are not foreseeable and are not quantifiable. This includes achieving tasks not possible without the technology as well as completing existing tasks better, faster and more efficiently.
- (d) Rather than seeking ways to replace men with machines it is better to find ways in which men and machines might best work together.
- (e) To consider design and manufacture as a continuum makes the best use of CAD.

The book goes on to describe the need for a champion within the organisation who will personally be responsible for seeing the choice and implementation of a system through to the end. I have known many installations fail at various stages due to lack of such a person. In fact the strength of the advice given in the book is that it always comes back to the people involved as being of paramount importance.

The examination of the correct storage and flow of graphical data as the key to successful CAD also points to the importance of personal and inter-departmental communications and politics, essential for successful implementation. All this confirms other studies previously discussed (Bath University Report review Nov 85) which has shown that the use of computers by architects has been severely hampered by inter-disciplinary rivalry and had communications. One amusing example of bad management, was the disastrous results experienced by a company that eliminated drawing boards during the summer holidays without the staff knowing. The book advocates a process of gradual adoption rather than overnight coups.

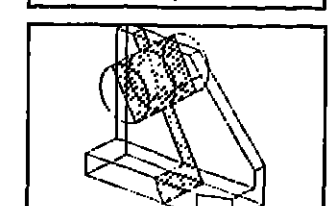
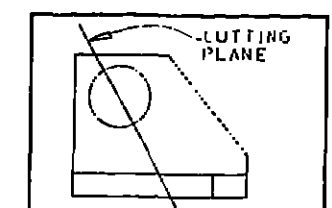
On the technical side some of the descriptions of manufacturing processes can be skipped over quite quickly. The discussions on 2D and 3D systems are excellent and compare favourably with those in the far more expensive CICA book (reviewed BD Feb 7, 1986), though lacking the detailed system evaluation that the latter contains. One important point that is made is that "the introduction of 2D modellers carries with it the dangers that always accompany a revolution that is begun but not completed" and that it is best to look for a system that has both 2D and 3D capability.

There is likewise good advice on the selection of hardware — especially that "no prior commitment should be made to a particular type of hardware" — and an interesting chapter looking at future developments. All very good value and well reasoned, though the forecast that there will be special kitchen-design systems in the future has already been proved accurate.

This book fulfils its aims and provides a working tool to examine the effects of "going CAD" and evaluating available systems — the Brunel University checklist for potential systems (included as an Appendix) is thorough. The publishers might also consider an edition specifically aimed at architects. Without revealing any more detail the final sentence needs to be quoted in full:

"In the last resort CAD and CAM are tools like any other. They will be most effective in the hands of those that take the trouble to understand the principles involved without becoming so absorbed by the technology that it becomes an end in itself. We hope that this book will make some contribution towards ensuring that those who use CAD/CAM see it as it should be seen — an immensely helpful servant that should never, never be allowed to become master."

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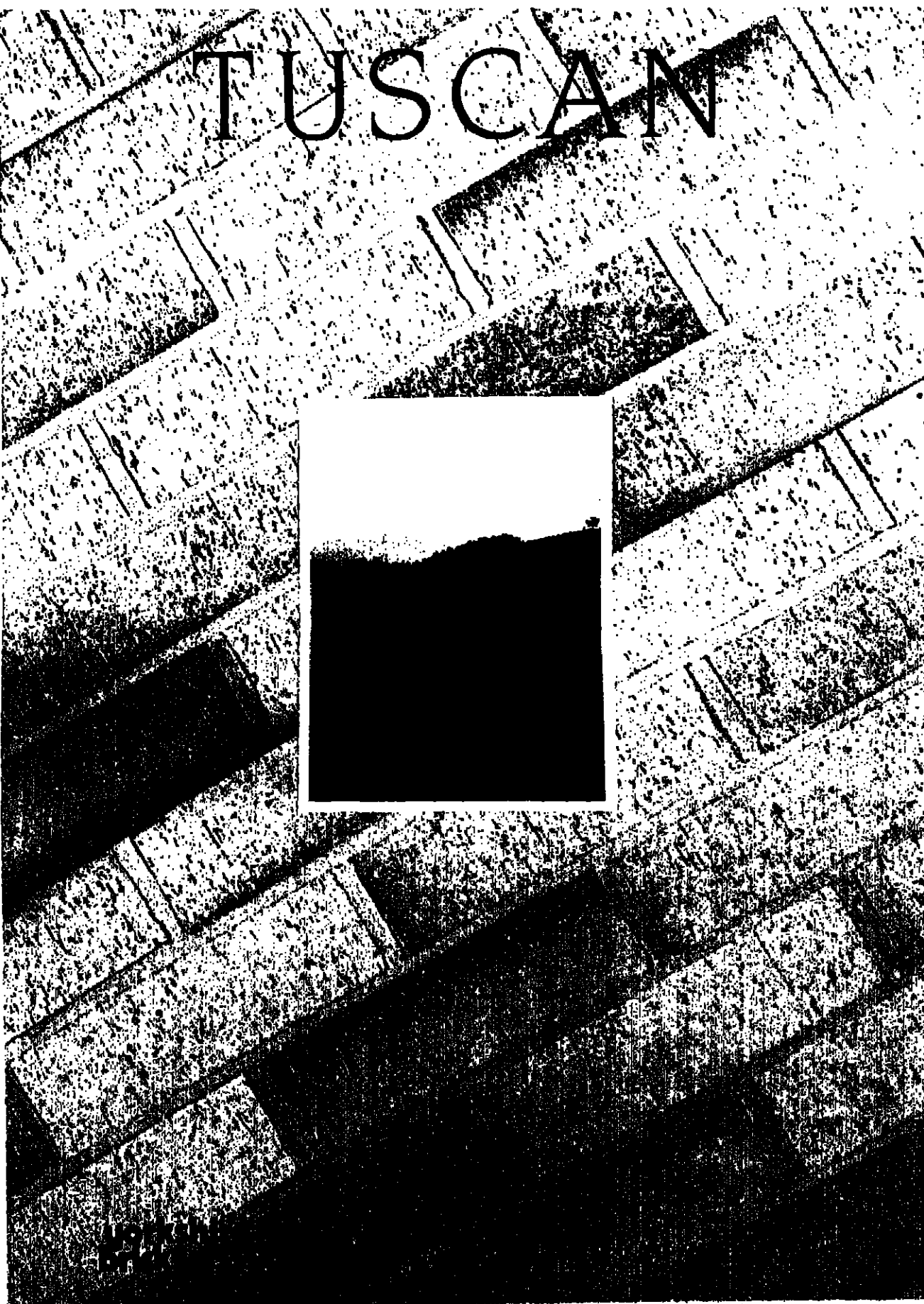
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Watch out for the dirty tricks brigade

BECAUSE of the nature of the beast, it is quite easy to cheat when it comes to manufacturing plastic sheet, such as building film used in damp-proof membranes and vapour barriers. Dirty tricks, apparently, have abounded, ever since the business began. Now the PIFA (Packaging and Industrial Films Association) is trying to do something about it.

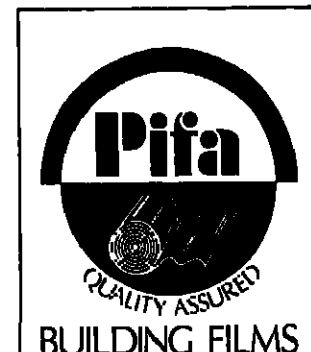
We should hasten to point out that the problem is not simply that polythene sheet is used in the building business. There are about six court actions pending which have as their targets producers of plastic bags. But the type of problem we are talking about has many more long-term implications in building than it does in the bin liner business.

The result of using a substandard polythene sheet in building could result in a perpetually damp floor or wall or a timber framed wall which eventually rots due to interstitial condensation. The situation is not helped by the lack of an appropriate British Standard.

Because it is difficult to tell what the thickness of a polythene sheet really is without sophisticated equipment, some "cowboy" outfits (PIFA's own description) have

been getting away with murder. As a result, the PIFA has now registered a quality logo, which will be attached to all its members' products and those of other manufacturers who agree to abide by the PIFA's voluntary standard. The scheme is supported by a policing system and has the backing of many Trading Standards officers.

For specifiers, the message must



be: only permit the use of polythene sheet with the new PIFA quality logo on it. That way you know that you are not being conned.

Smarter plotter

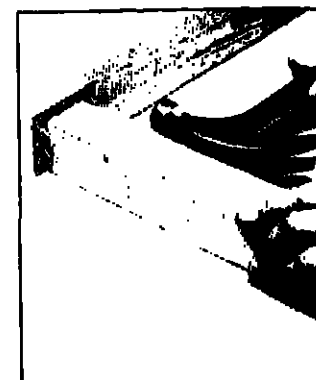


PENMAN Products has introduced an improved version of its successful portable Plotter with a built-in modem. This enables the plotter to be connected directly to a telephone line via a standard BT socket and to receive plotting instructions from a computer at the other end of the line. The graphical information that is transmitted is secure and the equipment clearly has considerable advantages for the architect or engineer.

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End-on connectors

SMALL galvanised steel fastening plates, called Woodhogs, have been introduced by Truline Building Products to make more effective and secure butt connections between timber components. As an alternative to screw nailing, Woodhogs are simple to install and do not cause splitting of the wood. Specially useful applications include studwork, partitioning, framing, strutting and fencing.



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TANKING DRAINAGE

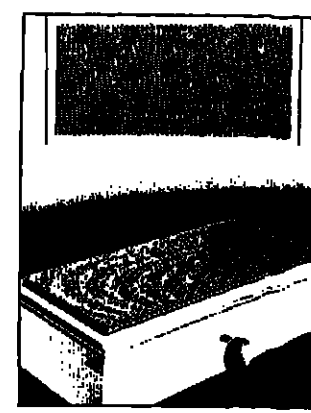
DOW Construction Products has introduced Perimate DI, a Styrofoam extruded polystyrene board which insulates and drains the perimeter of underground structures without the need for a surrounding gravel French drain. The board is simply secured to the outside of the basement wall with cold bituminous adhesive and backfilled with normal soil. It will act as a protection to tanking and prevents the build-up of water pressure against the structure. Manufactured in closed cell Styrofoam, one side of Perimate DI has vertical grooves, overlaid

with a filter fabric. These grooves provide the drainage route. Its 1250mm x 400mm boards have low thermal conductivity (0.028W/mK), a compressive strength of 250kN/m² and resistance to water penetration. Perimate DI has already acquired a track record in West Germany for satisfying the drainage capacity safety rating.

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Air diffusers

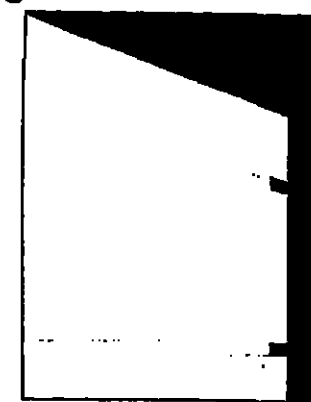
DESIGNED for use in locations where critical control of air diffusion is essential, the Series LF ceiling-mounted laminar flow diffusers from Waterloo Air Diffusion are best suited to rooms where low air velocities with high air change rates are required. Suits lay-in T, concealed Tor flush fitting modular ceilings, the Series LF units come in 600mm square and 1,200mm x 600mm frame styles.



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Display cladding

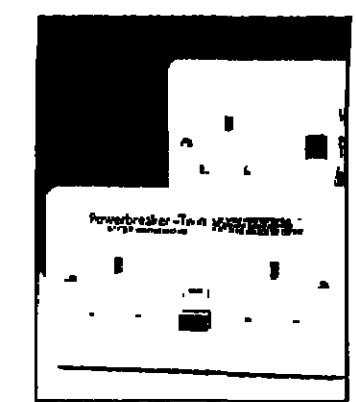
HANGFIRE is a new decorative fire retardant wall cladding with integral aluminium inserts which provide secure hanging and will accept clip-in fixings for shelves etc. This system, introduced by Rex Bousfield, is quick to install, meets the Class 1 surface spread of flame criteria of BS 476: Part 7 and is supplied in standard board sizes, 3,000mm x 600mm and 2,400mm x 600mm in any combination of laminate, inset profile and inset centres.



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Twin RCCB socket

AFTER the success of its single RCCB protected socket outlet (the Powerbreaker-S), B&R Electrical Products has introduced its Powerbreaker-Twin 13A double socket version. Built to BS 4293 and 1363 requirements and designed for 230/250V, 50Hz operation, the Powerbreaker-Twin has a full double-socket current capability. Its RCCB will trip at 30mA at a typical speed of 30ms. There is a choice of two finishes; also test and reset buttons are incorporated.



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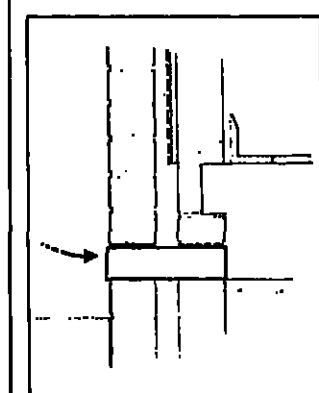
Robust door



SPECTUS Windows is introducing a heavier residential pvc door leaf profile which will accept heavy duty reinforcement. The multi-chambered 3mm thick profile incorporates high security multi-point locking and the robustness of the new door, the company claims, makes it applicable for commercial and domestic applications. Yet all this extra strength has been gained without markedly increasing sight lines.

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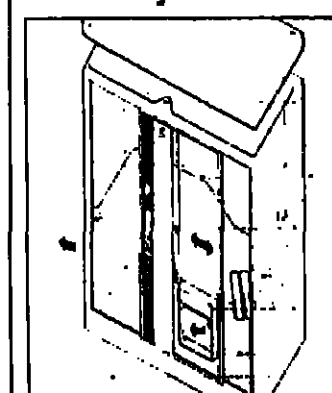
Vent extension



CAVITY Trays has introduced an extension unit which can be used with its Type W weep/vent unit. This allows the Type W to be transformed into a straight-through ventilator and the manufacturer claims that at least five different functions can be carried out using various permutations of the Type W and the Type W extension unit. This versatility makes the job of the builder more simple and renders it unnecessary to stock many different parts.

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Elderly shower



TO be marketed in 1988, Kenneth Grange's new design for a shower unit for the elderly has had its first showing at the Helen Hamlyn Foundation's "New designs for old" exhibition. This unit is the result of research by Grange for Ideal-Standard. Ease of use and installation and first class performance are the design criteria. Features include ceramic disc water and temperature control valves, three showerhead levels, adjustable seat and full environmental controls.

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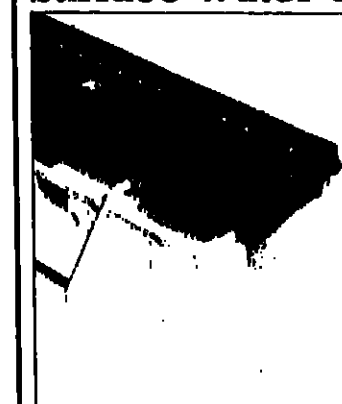
Detector cleaning

ON-SITE cleaning of smoke detectors is a new service offered by Clincom Fire. Whether in the form of a one-off visit or an annual contract, this service avoids the down-time that would be necessitated by the removal of the detectors for off-site cleaning. Clincom's service includes the checking of the devices for correct sensitivity by the use of a plug-in electronic calibration unit. Any detectors found to be faulty will be removed, fully re-conditioned and replaced.



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Surface water drains

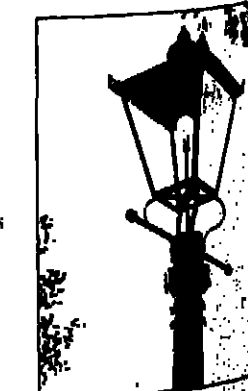


AS well as offering a wide choice of channels in its Polycast surface water drainage channel range, Drainage Copings has now extended the choice of grates. There are now 18 of these—aluminium, galvanised steel, stainless steel, plastic coated, Polydura and brass—all designed to suit different locations and loading conditions. They have a system locating locking bars to prevent unauthorised removal.

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Lanterns

COMPATIBLE with any of English Street Furniture Company's lamp posts, but also capable of being pillar- or wall-mounted, or even suspended from a chain, ESFC's new Emperor lantern has an appearance reminiscent of the Victorian era, although made in die-cast aluminium. The Emperor lantern is low-cost and can be fitted with high-power discharge or energy-saving lamps, as well as road lighting refractors.



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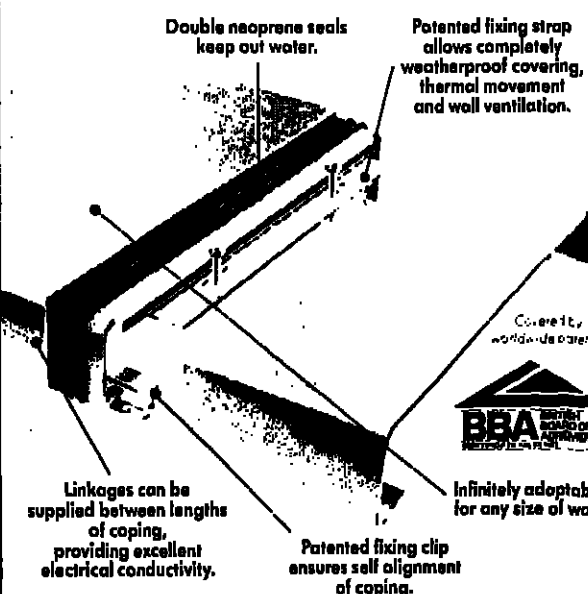
Document storage



SPACE-SAVING document storage for computer-generated information at a cost-effective price is the claim of Carter's Unit Document Library Units. Its centre-hook filing units are supplied in three levels of conventional levels of A4 and A5 Mixed Media with three levels respectively and Height with two and one levels respectively. The last two types are with laminate tops.

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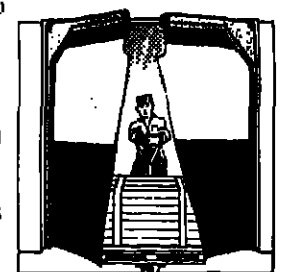
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How to make an honest living from hanging about in doorways.

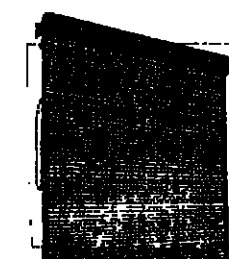
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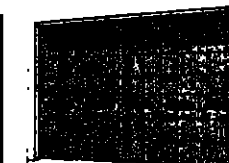
They can even be finished in colours to match or complement your plant's colour scheme.



Here, in our main picture, is the best-selling, high-speed Rapid Roll door. The smaller pictures show the Reflex, swing doors with great visibility; Roladoor, made from one continuous sheet and designed for lightness, strength and ease of maintenance; and the Thermodoor insulated overhead door, and the top-selling Insudoor insulated side-folding door, requiring no bottom track, both of which exceed current



U.K. building regulations. Not illustrated is the Easy-Hang strip door, probably the least expensive way to save vital energy; and Fast-Fold doors, which open and close in about two seconds flat!



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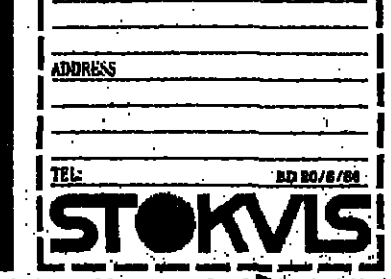
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New products

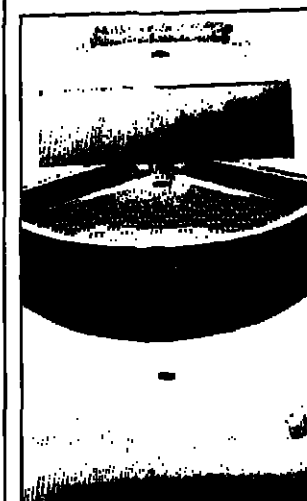
Air-conditioner

SAID to be the world's first inverter controlled room air-conditioners, Toshiba's RAS air-conditioners were launched in the UK in May this year.

Compared with conventional heat pump air-conditioners, the major benefits of the Toshiba inverter-aided conditioners are: powerful fast cooling and heating, simultaneous dehumidification, unrivalled comfort and energy saving. The use of an inverter to convert the fixed 50Hz alternating current to direct current allows more flexible control of the conditioner, by means of a micro-computer which ensures that it provides the exact capacity at the time it is needed.

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Shower trays



TWO new rectangular shower trays have been introduced by Cambsborough Plastics. One is 900mm square (the Diplomat), the other 700mm square (the Envoy). They can Cambsborough's 1 in 4 quadrant shower tray. All three types have anti-slip standing area, chrome wastes and a wide colour range. Both the Diplomat and the Envoy are constructed in glass reinforced polyester, the Envoy is made from Sumacast acrylic, totally reinforced with glass fibre.

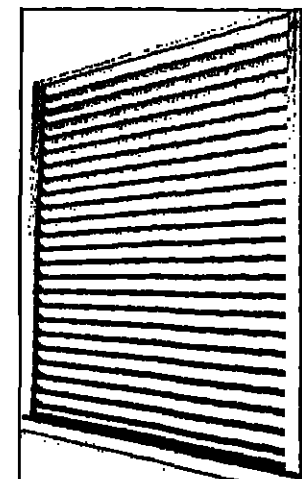
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For further information on the products on these pages use the pre-paid enquiry card.

Fixed louvre

MANUFACTURED in aluminium, a new range of fixed louvre panels has been introduced by Beta Naco. These are intended for use where high volume air intake and exhaust are required — in boiler houses, lift shafts and ventilation ducts. Panels are available in mill finish, natural or bronze anodised or polyester coated. Insect screens and bird mesh guards are also available. Louvre blades are held in the frames by patented polypropylene mouldings which facilitate removal — but from the inside only!

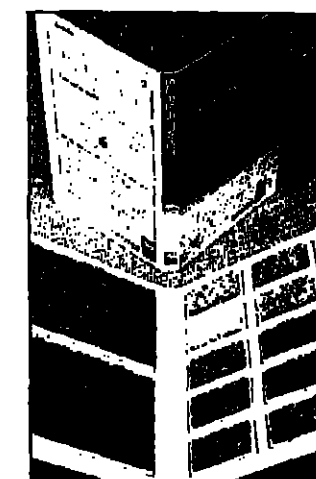
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Carpets

TWO new ranges in one have been launched by carpet-maker Hugh Mackay. Both are twist pile tufted carpets in 80 per cent wool and 20 per cent nylon. Durham Super Twist carries a BCPR Category A Extra Heavy Wear rating. Durham Twist has a grading of Category B — Very Heavy Wear. Both contain the same 10 colourways and are available in 3,660mm and 4,570mm widths. It is believed that these carpets will meet a demand in the contract sector, as well as in the domestic market.

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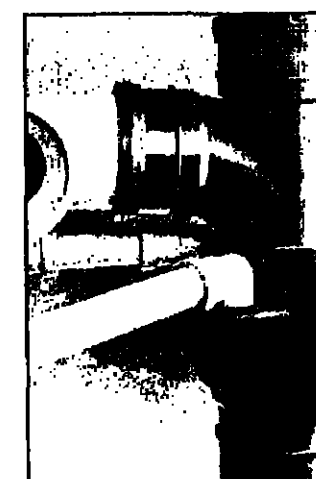
Soil accessory

LATEST addition to the Hunter Building Products 110mm upvc soil system is the S200 which is set to simplify many a bathroom plumbing system. Made in grey upvc, the S200 is inserted into the soil stack above floor level, but below the wet branch.

In this position it is ready to receive bath or basin waste connections into its four special inlet positions in the top of the chamber. Connections are made in the normal manner using the Hunter ring seal jointing technique.

The Hunter S200 fits into the corner of a room or against a wall and it can be fixed in position using pipe or socket brackets.

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LIFTS

OFFERING the distinction of an individual installation at the cost of a standard product, Otis Elevator's British-made Custom 2000 lift is manufactured using the latest computerised techniques.

Capable of being engineered to carry from eight to 21 passengers, at speeds from 1m to 4m per second and with drive options of either geared AC servo or gearless DC, Custom 2000 is said to give a comfortable ride with minimal waits and quick response to changing passenger flow patterns. This is made possible by making use of Otis' Elevonic microprocessor technology.

Lift cars come in three styles: the Concept car (illustrated) which takes a step into the future in door terms, the Connect car which is built to order with wood, laminate, fabric or mirror glass linings, and finally the Modular car which has traditional good looks. Doors are 2100mm high and give clear openings of 800mm, 900mm and 1,100mm.

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Pipe protection

UNLIKE many other cathodic protection systems for underground pipes, storage tanks, cable ducts, etc, the new AnodeFlex system, developed by Raychem, ensures precise current distribution over the full length of even the longest underground pipeline system, thus providing consistent protection, even when other pipelines cross or run close to the line being treated.

The system can be applied to the inside or the outside of a pipeline or vessel, to pipes running through concrete and to equipment in some of the most aggressive environments.

AnodeFlex is based on a long-life, wire-like anode which can be placed close to the pipe requiring protection, thereby reducing the risk of interference and stray currents.

Cathodic protection has been shown to stop corrosion in pipelines, particularly those buried in soil or encased in concrete. The system employs a small electrical current which halts the chemical process that causes steel to rust.

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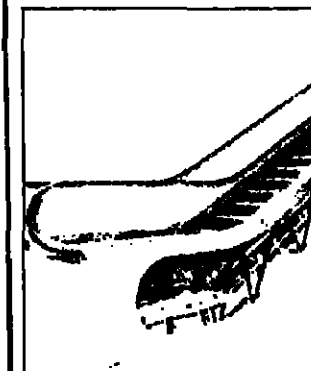


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Escalators



MANY new developments have been incorporated by D & K escalators in the equipment it has designed and manufactured for the Lloyd's Centre. These include: glass panelled side sections which expose the workings, extended gull wing newels with toughened glass balustrades, handrails with a three-section finger protection to prevent accidents, an advanced electronic diagnostic panel to check quickly on all major safety and service aspects and integral smoke detectors and sprinklers.

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Bollards

DE-ORFAN has introduced a new range of removable parking posts. Spacecover is a 150mm square post in two heights — 650mm and 800mm — manufactured from tropical hardwood with contoured edges and pyramidal shaped tops. Spaceaster is a 100mm diameter circular steel post, 825mm high, and Spacekeeper — a lockable folding bollard — is made from 70mm square steel hollow tubing. The steel bollards are coated with Levainit EVA for weather protection.

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New finishes

FORMAT, the range of architectural ironmongery from James Gibbons Format which won a Design Council award is now available in 16 stock finishes. Four new finishes have been added: in the solid metal range, polished stainless steel has joined the satin stainless and polished brass finishes, plus the various anodised aluminium finishes; in the polyamide nylon coated finishes, grey, yellow and white have been added to the existing range.

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Reducers

SOLVING the problem of connecting metric to imperial polyethylene pipes, the Push-Fit reducing connectors from F W Talbot eliminate the need for screwing up end nuts correctly. They have excellent pull-out resistance and are supplied in all the necessary combinations to move from obsolete to new pipe sizes. Reducers are manufactured from engineering plastics and are of single body construction. No inserts are needed for the imperial pipes, only metric inserts.

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New products

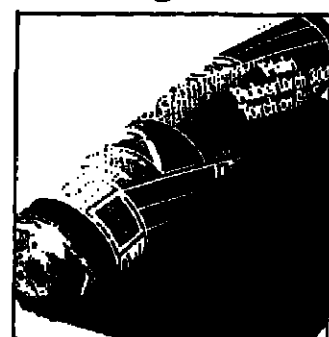
Air cleaners

SPECIFICALLY designed for use in suspended ceilings, the new flush-mounted Smoker SE22 from United Air Specialists is a small compact unit, which will collect tobacco smoke, airborne dust and pollen. It simply fits in place of one of the 600mm x 600mm ceiling tiles and is completely self-contained. A charcoal after-filter can be fitted for odour control and the unit carries a two-year warranty.

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Roofing



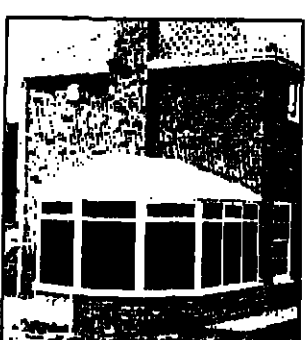
RUBEROID Building Products has introduced a new economic, high performance, torch-on membrane — RUBEROID 300. Available as a plain underlay, a natural sanded or protective green mineral finished sheet, it is said to compare favourably with conventional BS felts on the basis of durability and value for money. A two layer RUBEROID 300 system gives a high quality roof at a reasonable price.

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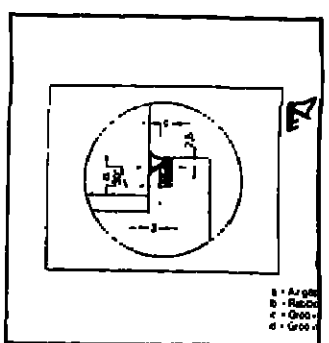
Conservatories

VICTORIAN style conservatories from Starglaze Conservatories are new to the market. Constructed of uPVC, these home extensions have the appearance of the traditional thing but are without many of the maintenance problems. They are double glazed throughout and the transparent roof area is filled with 16mm multi-wall polycarbonate sheets. Starglaze offer a number of different roof shapes, including hips, from which to choose.

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Weldable seals



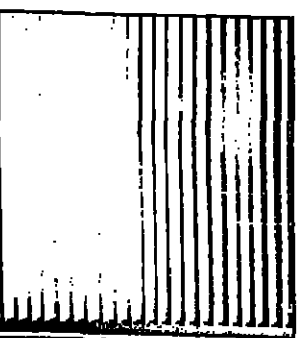
SLOTTSEAL is the exclusive distributor for weldable nitrile pvc sealing profiles and welding equipment from Döwener of West Germany. There is a wide variety of weatherslips for windows and doors in this manufacturer's range, all with a fitted foot to give secure retention in a groove machined in the joinery component. The welding of the nitrile corner joints overcomes one of the areas of potential water penetration.

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Louvre blinds

WHETHER top hung, or top and bottom hung (intended for sloping and irregular openings or rooflights), the range of Sundrape vertical louvre blinds, recently introduced by the Louvre Blind Company, is thoroughly comprehensive. Automatic, manual or remote control tracking systems are available and all mechanical parts are covered by a 10-year guarantee.

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Building system

BASED on its previous well-known pack building system, Terrapin's new Unitex system offers the alternative of a site-tiled pitched roof. Units still travel to site in a flat pack form, four units to a trailer. Speedy erection and almost instant weather-tightness are two major features of all Terrapin systems. Unitex also offers a fair degree of design flexibility, as well as a building which can satisfy the Building Regulations.

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Mixers



ARMITAGE Shanks has extended its brassware ranges. Part of this development is the introduction of the de Ville collection of up-market mixers (illustrated) with a hard-wearing, etched Lustron gold finish and matching "hexagon" handwheels. Other introductions include an Art Deco style fluted handwheel and four pastel veined acrylic handwheels — all recent additions to the Startite Collection.

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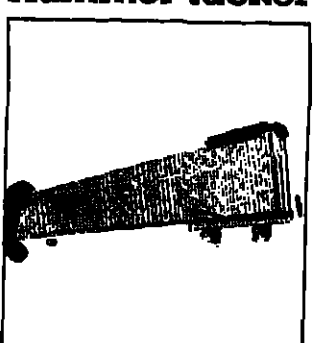
Cavity fixings

FOR use in thin materials or thin-walled cellular products with a wall thickness from 3mm to 45mm, the new Parabol Cavity Anchors, introduced by Tucker Fasteners, are zinc-plated for corrosion resistance. They have a high load-bearing capacity, normally limited only by the strength of the base material. Once the Parabol Cavity Anchor is installed, attachments can be removed and replaced repeatedly.

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Hammer tacker



PUSHING home 14mm staples with ease, the new Rapid 54 heavy-duty hammer tacker from Rapese handles those jobs where thicker materials need to be fixed. Each tool is balanced, with a large staple capacity (168 maximum). It has a large striking plate, and is said to be easy to clear and dismantle. Staples with leg lengths from 8mm to 14mm can be placed and the tool itself weighs 1.13kg.

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Signs

SINCE the beginning of the year it has been a legal requirement that Safety Signs comply with BS 5378: Part 1. This legislation is supported by an EEC directive. Glasdon's Safety System 2000 — a collection of barriers and cones which can be used to identify and enclose areas of hazard — conform to these standards. All parts are constructed for good durability and excellent visibility.

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Coloured inks

INTENDED for use in technical pens and air-brushes, as well as with conventional brushes and pens, Pelikan's new Artists' Drawing Inks come in 12 basic colours plus white, black and brown. They can be mixed to produce an endless variety of non-fading colours, with a consistency which is faultless, assuming the proportions of the mixes are accurately carried out with the syringe dropper, which is provided.

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Ceiling tiles



AVAILABLE in a variety of patterns, textures and sizes, Style glass reinforced gypsum ceiling tiles from K3D Plaster, shadow-edge, lay-in tile, have exposed 1 systems. The standard size of tiles is 600mm square, 12mm weight being 7kg and 13kg sq m depending on design. They are usually supplied undercoat.

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Boilers

BURCO Maxol has introduced a new version of its popular 12D gas mini-boiler. Developed to satisfy the growing demand for increased water heating sophistication, the new 12D has an integral solenoid valve, which offers the user greater flexibility and responsive control. The boiler's slim styling — a mere 191mm deep — means that it can be discreetly sited in a kitchen wall unit, if necessary.

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Plumbing pieces



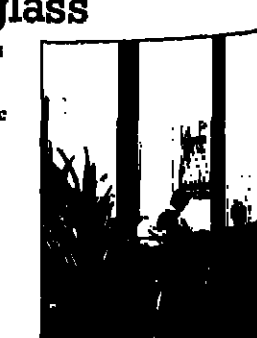
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Friday Thatching, seminar organised by the Thatching Advisory Service. Venue: Thatching Advisory Service, 29 Nine Mile Ride, Finchampstead, Nr Wokingham, Berkshire. 9.30am-5.30pm. Cost: £65 plus VAT. Details: Tessa Blair, Thatching Advisory Service, (0734) 734203.

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June 20, 22-26 Oxford diploma show. Venue: Department of architecture, Oxford Polytechnic, Oxford. 9am-9pm. Details: Isobel Birnie (0865) 64777 ext 467.

June 21-October 5 William Morris woven textiles. Venue: William Morris Gallery, Lloyd Park, Forest Road, London E17 4PP. Details: Kate Thaxton 01-527 5544 ext 4390.

June 21-October 5 First international climate architecture congress. Venue: Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium. Cost: £2,500 BP (£170 approx). Venue: Michael Buckley, The ECD Partnership, 11-13 Emerald Street, London WC1. 01-405 3121.

June 26-July 26 London Images from the modern city, an exhibition organised by the Heinz Gallery at the RIBA. Venue: Heinz Gallery, 21 Portman Square, London W1. Details: 01-580 5533.

Until July 28 The studies of the architect: to build for the people, organised by the Polytechnic of Central London with the Society for Cultural Relations with the USSR. Venue: The Marylebone Road Gallery, Polytechnic of Central London, 35 Marylebone Rd, London NW1. Details: 01-580 2020.

Until July 3 New design for old. Venue: Boilerhouse, Victoria & Albert Museum, London SW7. Weekdays from Saturdays 10am-5.30pm, Sundays 2.30-5.30pm, closed Fridays. Cost: Free to the Boilerhouse. Details: 01-581 5273.

Monday-Thursday Design in question, conference organised by the Victoria & Albert Museum. Venue: Lecture Theatre, Victoria & Albert Museum, London SW7. 10.30am each day. Cost: £40. Details: Angela Thurgood, Education Department, Victoria & Albert Museum, London SW7 2RL.

Tuesday-Wednesday Your marketing initiative now, briefings for principals in medium and small architectural practices. Venue: The Victoria Spa Lodge, Bishopston Lane, Stratford Upon Avon, Warwickshire. Cost: £38 including buffet lunch. Details: Liz Burchall (056) 433654 or George Fardon (0386) 793035.

Tuesday Architects and their work, lecture by Richard England, Malta. Venue: RIBA, 66 Portland Place, London W1. 6.15pm. Cost: Members and students £1, others £2. Details: 01-580 5533 ext 4335.

Tuesday Concert by the Duke String Quartet from the Royal Academy of Music as part of a series of lunchtime concerts at the RIBA during June and July. Venue: RIBA, 66 Portland Place, London W1. Cost: £1. Details: 01-580 5533 ext 4142.

Wednesday Sorting out the Sixties, a one-day course organised by the Midlands Study Centre. Venue: RIBA, 66 Portland Place, London W1. Cost: £100 for centre subscribers, £110 for others. Details: The Midlands Study Centre, 9 Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3TN (021) 454 2008.

Wednesday New regulations and agreements, symposium organised by the Institute of Hospital Engineering. Venue: The Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Birdcage Walk, Westminster, London. Cost: Members £48, non-members £53. Details: Institute of Hospital Engineering (0705) 823186.

Thursday South London Society of Architects annual general meeting. Venue: Rangers House, Blackheath, 6.15pm. Details: Richard Beatty-Pownall, 106 Lower Richmond Road, Putney SW15 1LN.

Exhibitions

June 30 Advertisements a seminar organised by the Thomson Laboratories. Venue: London Hilton hotel, Details: Philip Blomfield, (0908) 562925.

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June 28-July 20 City — two views, two contrasting views of the urban landscape by London-based artists Oliver Berman and Ron Bowen. Venue: Concourse Gallery, Barbican Centre, London EC2. Noon-9.30pm daily. Details: Christopher Senior 01-638 5403.

July 2 Reading Architecture: the meaning of entrance, a design workshop organised by the polytechnic of Central London. A short day release course for students and practitioners of architecture. Venue: The Polytechnic of North London, Holloway Road, London N7. Cost: £75. Details: Jon Finlayson 01-607 2789.

July 3 The Natural City, a seminar. Venue: Risley Moss Nature reserve, Warrington. Cost: £65.

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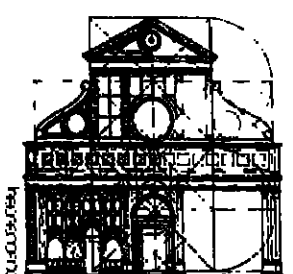
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